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GEELONG, HOBART

FOR PSL?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The two teams that finish last in the Philips League in 1979 will be able to apply for re-admission.

Their applications will be considered along with those from eligible clubs from State federations.

The successful applicants will be selected on the basis of crowd support, location, financial strength, ground facilities and past record.

This is the new formula for promotion and relegation, adopted by the league last week and recommended to the Australian Soccer Federation for approval.

Clubs are protected under new formula

It replaces the previous formula under which the last-placed team would have been relegated and replaced by an eligible club from the same state.

In effect, the new formula will serve to protect PSL clubs with strong financial and

crowd support from being relegated because of a bad playing season.

On the other hand, it will each year offer two "vacancies" to non-PSL clubs that are able to gather enough support, sponsorship and suitable ground facilities to make a successful application for membership.

The location criterion will remain important as it was under the previous formula.

For example, it is highly unlikely that a Melbourne team would be admitted if, say, a Brisbane team failed in its application for re-admission.



Marconi's flying winger Peter Sharne gets past Con Kampas to head at goalkeeper Martyn Crook during the PSL semi-final last Sunday.

Marconi wants Coates, Mowbray in doubt!

Marconi, which meets Hakoah-Easts in the Philips League grand final in Sydney on Sunday, is confident of signing Ralph Coates from St. George for next season.

Marconi is vying with Saints for the signature of the former Tottenham Hotspur star who is seen as the best possible replacement for Jimmy Rooney. Rooney will return to Melbourne later this year. Meanwhile, Marconi is reported to have offered its players a \$10,000 bonus to win the top four series.

Hakoah will miss sweeper Eddy Thomson who has to serve a one-



Ralph Coates

match suspension. Left back Henry Mowbray has a badly twisted knee and may also miss the final.

Marconi may have to play without right back Barry Jones who was replaced due to injury in the 2-0 victory over West Adelaide last Sunday.

Peter Brogan would probably take his place.

Mark Trenter will replace Thompson in the Hakoah team and if Mowbray does not play, his place will go to Alan Kershaw.

After the Marconi v. West Adelaide match, Hakoah coach Gerry Cheldi said: "I don't think Marconi will play as badly against us. If they do, we will have no problems."

In league games this season Hakoah beat Marconi and drew 0-0.

Last year, Marconi beat Hakoah 4-2 in the league and 1-0 in the Cup. The other league game was drawn 1-1.

Likely teams for Sunday: MARCONI: Maher, Jones or Brogan, Russell, Prskalo, Degney, Selvaie or Jankovics, Vieri, Rooney, Mariani, Ollerton, Sharne. HAKOAH: Clarke, Mullen, O'Connor, Trenter, Kershaw or Mowbray, Stevenson, Barnes, Souzess, Watson or Campbell, Smith, Silva.

The Philips League is seeking applications for membership from Geelong, Hobart, Whyalla, Wollongong, Ipswich, Parramatta or Liverpool and outer Melbourne suburbs like Frankston, Preston or Fawkner.

If suitable applications from such areas are received by October 21, the PSL may increase its membership from 14 to 16 clubs for next season, PSL chairman Sam Papasavas said last week.

If there is no increase next year, there will almost certainly be one in 1980.

A club representing the Wollongong-Illawarra region has already made an application, backed by sponsors. There is a strong chance this club will be in the PSL next year.

A Canberra club is also reported to have applied. But the application of APIA-Leichhardt is unlikely to be successful in its present form, Mr Papasavas said.

"We are not likely to accept applications from inner-city clubs," he said.

However, he added APIA would have a chance of being admitted if it amalgamated with an existing club, perhaps Western Suburbs.

"Weeds and APIA had talks some time ago. I will try to get the two clubs together again for further discussions," he said.

APIA said in its application for membership for 1979 that it had a major sponsor, 12 minor sponsors, a commitment to financial support from the APIA social club, and that it would pay its own fares in the league.

"Of course, it would help to have APIA pay its own fares — but what about the additional fares incurred by the other clubs?"

"Moreover, the league has accepted as a general principle that we don't want a sixth team from inner Sydney. It would make the league lop-sided," Mr Papasavas said. "The success of Canberra and Newcastle has shown us that smaller towns or district can identify with a team much more readily."

But Mr Papasavas said that suburban-based teams in capital cities may be considered if they put forward attractive submissions.

There were moves some time ago to start a PSL club in Geelong, where the new trotting centre would be available as a home ground.

New moves are believed to have started in Geelong and at least one State League club has been considering the possibility of setting up headquarters there.



Cosmos star Vladizlav Bogicevic gets a kiss from a Yugoslav admirer while he was here with Red Star last year.

Cosmos sought for tour of Australia

The Philips League has been trying to sign the New York Cosmos for matches in Australia.

The Cosmos will go on a world tour late this month and again early next year.

It has been proposed that the Cosmos play up to three games in Australia, against a PSL representative team or an Australian XI coached by Rudi Gutendorf.

Cosmos' match fee is at least \$40,000.

It may be more now that they have won their second successive North American Soccer League championship.

The Cosmos team includes three former captains of national teams — Franz Beckenbauer (West Germany), Carlos Alberto (Brazil) and Vladislav Bogicevic (Yugoslavia).

On next month's tour, it will also include former Dutch captain Johan Cruyff, who is with the Cosmos "on trial".

Another former international in the Cosmos team is top scorer Georgio Chinaglia of Italy.

In addition to the Cosmos tour, individual PSL clubs will try to bring overseas teams to Australia.

Footscray J.U.S.T. is negotiating for a visit by a Yugoslav side.

MELBOURNE CLUBS TO DROP ETHNIC TAGS

Even Melbourne's Philips League clubs will discard their ethnic names next season, PSL chairman Mr Sam Papasavas said this week.

This was decided at a league executive meeting. Mr Papasavas said that South Melbourne, of which he is president, would drop the Hellas tag.

Similarly, Fitzroy would no longer be known as

Alexander. The Fitzroy club proposes to change its name when it moves to new headquarters at Heidelberg.

"No new clubs will be admitted to the league under ethnic names," Mr Papasavas said.

He believes South Melbourne will not lose its Greek support if it drops the name Hellas.

by West Adelaide, which also dropped the Hellas tag," he said.

"We must broaden our base of support. Crowds of 5000 or 6000 will not be sufficient in the future. We must aim at average crowds of 10,000 or 12,000."

"In the case of my club, it would not hurt to perhaps have non-Greeks

on the board, or to encourage community involvement from surrounding areas like Port Melbourne, Middle Park, St. Kilda and South Melbourne.

"At the ground, we will try to create an atmosphere conducive to attracting new people."

"We will aim at getting 200 or 300 people into the club-rooms in a social atmosphere before the game, and setting up barbecues and perhaps a children's playground."



VIC BOZANIC FOR NATIONAL SQUAD?

A succession of brilliant performances near the end of the season has made West Adelaide's utility player Vic Bozanic a candidate for Rudi Gutendorf's national squad.

Bozanic is pictured above (left) being tackled by Andrew Bozicas of Fitzroy Alexander.

He has played in midfield, at left back and in attack for West Adelaide since being bought from Polonia Adelaide early this year.

Bozanic has by far the strongest shot in the league, and has scored many vital goals for Polonia and West Adelaide with powerful long-range

drives.

However, the goal with which West Adelaide won the PSL championship was more subtle. Bozanic, who had earlier been moved upfield, got onto the end of a long ball and hooked it first-time over Adelaide Juventus goalkeeper Peter Marshall.

The goal made the score 1-1 and gave West Adelaide the point it needed to win the championship.

And it came only three minutes from the end! Had Bozanic not scored, the championship would have gone to Hakoah-East on goal difference.

Joseph Gelei

New Saints boss warns: 'The weak will perish'

Joseph Gelei, who stepped into the shoes of the legendary Hungarian goalkeeper Gyula Grosics, is the first professional Hungarian coach who has been released to join an Australian team. He has been appointed coach of St George Budapest.

I met him in his very comfortable apartment near the Budapest Sport Hotel and he welcomed me as an old friend. We started our discussion among his many soccer trophies which he accumulated during his years of involvement in international soccer.

First of all, let me give you some personal details about Gelei. He was born in 1938, is 186 cm. tall, married and has two sons, Joseph Junior, 18, and Karoly, 14, who are both active in soccer and play for Vasas Juniors. Karoly wants to follow in his father's footsteps; he is a goalkeeper. His wife Emma was an active sportswoman. She played handball for MTK.

● Where and when did you start your playing career?

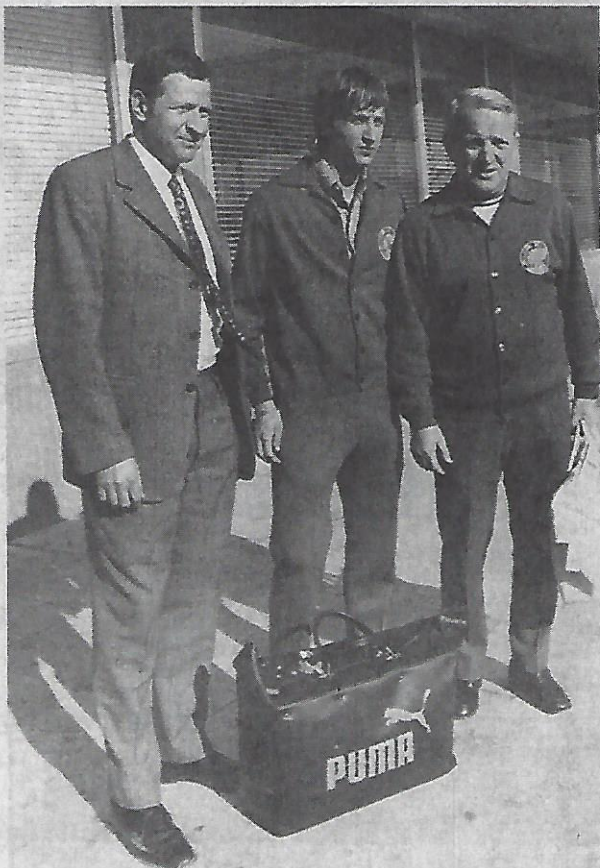
I started with Beloitansz, then I transferred to MTK, from there to Vasas and then to Tatabanya. In the first division I played for more than 10 years in 226 matches.

● I read somewhere that in a league match you actually scored a goal.

That is quite true. On one occasion I scored from a penalty against Pecs, as none of the other players was prepared to take the spot kick in what was a crucial match for us.

● When was your first match in first division?

It was in 1958 with MTK. Coincidentally my last first division match was against MTK in 1969. At MTK I took over from former Hungarian inter-



Joseph Gelei (left) with Johan Cruyff and coach Istvan Kovacs during a visit to Ajax Amsterdam.

national Geller and at Tatabanya I took over from Grosics.

● When did you play your first representative match?

When I joined MTK I had already been selected as a junior international. In the junior national side I played 18 games, in the reserve national team 10, in the B national team 14. Between 1962-4, I played in the Olympic team, a total of 54 matches.

As an A international I

represented Hungary 11 times, including the matches played in the 1966 world cup in England.

In these 11 matches I conceded 12 goals and we won seven, drew one and lost three. In addition to the above I also played in the representative side of Budapest and with my various clubs I participated in many international competitions.

● What do you consider your greatest success as a player?

Without a doubt the winning of the Olympic gold medal in Tokyo, 1964.

● I want to clarify how you actually obtained the gold medal in Tokyo. I heard a story about this from one of the Hungarian soccer writers in London recently and I would like to hear your version.

Actually there is a story attached to it. I played in every match leading up to the final and in the semi-final against Romania, a few minutes before the end when the game stood at a draw, I saved a penalty and threw the ball to Bene who scored the winning goal which put us into the final. When I saved the penalty, I broke a finger and I could not play in the final against Czechoslovakia.

After winning the final, only 14 gold medals were given out to the players and the reserves, so there wasn't one left for me.

Our team management tried everything to obtain a medal for me as they considered I had a large share in the team's success. Unfortunately, they failed.

Eventually one of my playing colleagues got into financial difficulties and I bought the medal from him. So that is how I received my Olympic gold medal.

● When did you start your coaching career?

I had studied coaching as a player and from 1970 on I have coached at Tatabanya 2½ years under Dr. Lakat, including a year in charge of the first team. During my stay at Tatabanya, we won the Mitropa Cup on two occasions. From there I moved to Szolnok MTE Second Division team where I spent two seasons. Last year, I was with Vasas working on the coaching staff led by Ferenc Kovacs, master coach (Kovacs is the current Hungarian national coach, having taken over from Baroti).

● Tell me something about your coaching experience.

Well, I actually started coaching when I was still an active player. I watched the work of recognised coaches and collected information wherever I could. I am proud to say that among the young Hungarian coaches, I am the most travelled, having visited a number of countries, including the following:

One month with Sparta Rotterdam and Ajax in Holland, five weeks in England with Arsenal, Queens Park Rangers and West Ham United, three weeks in Yugoslavia with Vojvodina and two weeks in the Soviet Union with Dinamo Kiev.

During my study tours, I had the opportunity to



England manager Brian Greenwood — he has exceptional abilities, says Gelei.



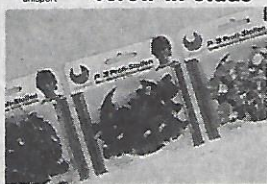
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on the law of the jungle

By JOE SZALAY who was in Budapest to interview the former Hungarian goalkeeper who has been appointed coach of St George.

pick up trade secrets from famous coaches and of course during my playing career, I have also been coached by well known identities.

● Can you tell me what impressed you most during your period of study? Yes, but this is very difficult to condense in a few sentences. Firstly, let's talk about the local experts.

Marton Bukovi: One of his comments was that although soccer is played with your feet, the deciding factor is the head, not the outside of it, but the inside. In other words, he prefers intelligent footballers.

Nandor Hidegkuti: He believed in establishing a friendly atmosphere within the club, where players and coaches worked together and for each other. If you have this atmosphere, even hard work can be enjoyed.

Rudolf Illivszky: Unbelievable self-discipline and willpower, fanatical approach, setting a good example and a will to win.

Lajos Baroti: Faith in his carefully selected players. Once a player has been selected, he must be given a chance to prove himself.

Dr. Karoly Lakat: His high qualifications and his knowledge of many diverse subjects impressed me.

Among coaches I have been in contact with in other countries, **Vujadin Boskov** at Vojvodina impressed me with his perseverance, punctuality and outstanding organisational ability.

Istvan Kovacs, (Ajax): Arrived as a relatively unknown to the already world-famous Ajax. From him I picked up valuable pointers as to how one can and should treat so-called star players and how one can maintain a close relationship with them. His very correct yet fanatical approach to his job is exemplary. I observed how he put down the foundation of total soccer at Ajax.

I stayed with him during my visit to Holland and I know that **Cruyff** and **Kalzer** still maintain a very high regard for this great coach.

Brian Greenwood, the current national coach of England, showed with West Ham his exceptional abilities. It was exemplary how he controlled the whole club, not only the first team, but all the reserves, juniors etc. He has a tremendous capacity for work. I learned a lot from him.

Bertie Mee, (Arsenal): He seems to maintain a fantastic rapport with his colleagues, playing staff, club directors, representatives of the Press and supporters. A commendable characteristic.

Gordon Jago, (Queens Park Rangers): I have seldom met a fairer and more modest colleague. He went into detail in discussing plans and tactics with his players, asking their opinions. Accordingly he is a great believer in collective effort. He believes that the player must feel that the coach is interested in his opinion in order to obtain his maximum contribution towards the team's plans and tactics.

Naturally, I cannot say that I have learned everything from the above



Gyula Grosics (left) — the man Gelei succeeded as goalkeeper at Tatabanya. Nandor Hidegkuti (right) — Gelei learned from him.

world-famous experts, but to observe them and discuss matters with them was a great experience which I am blending with my own knowledge and experience.

● What is your basic principle in coaching?

First of all, I set a very high standard for my players as well as for myself. I do not like average performances.

as the opposition. I must find out what is the players' loading capacity with regards to training and how well were they prepared condition-wise, technically and tactically in the past. One cannot just dive in and start off with a new team without giving these matters consideration, otherwise problems can occur later.

● Broadly speaking,

'If you learn only what is sufficient for today, it will probably be insufficient tomorrow.'

One has to move fast because if you want to learn only what is sufficient for today it will probably be insufficient tomorrow.

In order to have a successful team, all players are required to contribute to the maximum of their ability and must take responsibilities. If you look at the hard and fast West German, Dutch or English soccer, we can see that successful professional soccer can be compared with the jungle.

Those who are strong and fierce will survive. The weak and lazy will perish.

In modern soccer, those who are only playing around are replaced by those with fighting spirit and the will to win. For the dedicated even hard training between hard matches is not tiresome.

I do not like to differentiate between professional and amateur on the basis of payment.

In my opinion, the amateur enjoys the game when he has the ball. He is having fun! The job for the professional really starts when the opposition has the ball and he has to win it back.

● What is your opinion of the various systems of play?

It is fashionable to talk about systems such as 4-3-3 or 4-2-4 or 4-4-2 etc. There are many variations possible, but the important thing is how the coach's tactical ideas are carried out on the field and how effective they are.

● What do you know about your future team and what do you consider as your number one priority when you take over St. George Budapest?

Well, I consider it very important to obtain as much advance information as possible about my future players as well

what sort of plans do you have for the team?

Ideally, I would like to develop a team which has style and effectiveness to draw supporters. Soccer is a great game, but it is not desirable to play it before empty terraces. Lack of supporters can affect the players and naturally also affects the club financially.

Players must understand that they are entertainers and have to play their part in increasing attendances.

● What information do you have about your new team?

Frank Arok, a very good friend of mine, who has spent some time at St. George, gave me a lot of very valuable information.

Recently, I learnt from him that St. George covers a large district and a lot of junior teams and schools.



From left: Gelei exchanges ideas with fellow coaches Boskovics (MTK), Arok (Vojvodina) and Kovacs (Ajax). Frank Arok, former boss of St. George, has given Gelei valuable information about his new club.



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Four of the claims had only been partly finalised as in some cases the players concerned were still disabled.

The error arose from the use of claim statistics prepared when establishing 1979 plan details. These claim statistics included both "amounts paid" and "expected to be paid".

We apologise to anyone embarrassed or inconvenienced by our mistake.

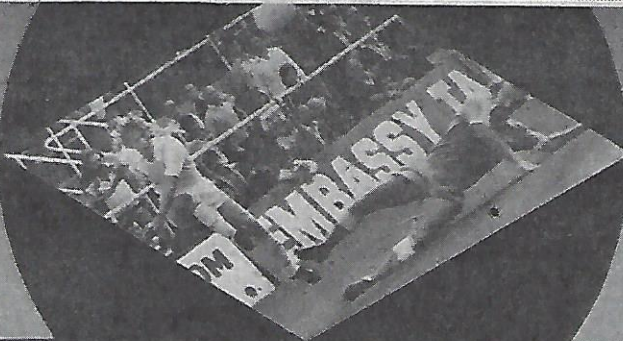
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ABOVE: Cummings rides a tackle by Hakoah's Steve O'Connor. LEFT: Robert Marwe of Adelaide Juventus brings down the Hellas striker. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.



ABOVE: Cummings gets a shot in under pressure from Mooroolbark's Dave Ellis. TOP CENTRE: Cummings evades a sliding tackle by Steve Perry of Brisbane City.

With the lure of the glamorous European and American soccer scenes threatening to drain Australia of so many talented youngsters, there comes good news from Melbourne.

While the Kosminas, the Johnstones and the Byrnes are battling to forge a career among the world's best, South Melbourne Hellas 'starlet' Duncan Cummings says he has no ambition to play overseas.

"I'm happy to stay in Australia," said Duncan. "The money's good here and the standard of the national league is very high and always improving."

"Besides, I want to play for Australia in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain. That's my real ambition and my chances of getting picked in the team could be affected if I were playing overseas instead of in Australia."

Duncan Cummings is a level-headed young man. A \$10,000 star at 17, he remains unaffected and has a realistic outlook towards his society.

Now 19, Cummings has learnt that soccer is no bed of roses and with the experience he has gained during his relatively short senior career, added to his undoubted ability, he will surely be one of Australia's superstars in the years to come.

'I'd transfer'

Duncan is largely an untapped talent. What we've seen so far is merely the tip of the iceberg.

However, South Melbourne Hellas could be in danger of losing him.

Without being resentful towards any individuals, Duncan expressed disappointment in the way Hellas continued to buy players, especially forwards.

"When the club buys someone," said Duncan, "the players in the team are put under pressure. The club is virtually saying that some of the players aren't good enough."

"Hellas has four forwards for next year (Cummings, Alun Evans, George Campbell and Chris Kent), and there's talk of buying another one. I don't agree with that. We might be a bit weak in the midfield, but the team should be allowed to settle."

"If I couldn't get a regular place in the team, the natural thing to do is to transfer to another club."

Earlier this season, when Duncan was dropped from the Hellas team, it was rumoured that Canberra City was interested in buying him.

"Canberra was interested," said Duncan, "but I think the Hellas committee was divided on whether to sell me. In any case, I don't think I would like to move interstate. I'd

probably miss my family and friends too much."

"But if Hellas buys any more forwards, I'll have to think seriously about my future with the club."

Hopefully Cummings won't have anything to worry about, for if Hellas transferred the young forward, the club would be the loser.

Soccer wasn't the first sport Cummings played. His first venture on the sporting field was in Australian Rules football.

However, at the age of nine, he joined Melbourne soccer club juniors (under 10s). He was a forward, as he is now.

He enjoyed great success as a junior, scoring many goals and gaining selection to various State junior representative teams.

He played junior soccer up to under 14 but was then whisked away and placed in Melbourne reserve team.

In 1972, however, he quit soccer and returned to Aussie Rules.

"I switched because of the distance I had to travel for soccer," said Duncan. "I live in Chadstone and had to take a train all the way to Albert Park and back for training (a trip of about 12 kilometres)."

"But I'd never make it in top-line Aussie Rules. I'm not big enough!"

Duncan spent a season away from soccer, then returned in 1973.

"Melbourne offered me a contract, so I went back," said Cummings.

Melbourne was in the State League, but struggling.

"We finished second bottom in 1973," said Duncan, "and didn't do much better the following year. But we did reach the Ampol Cup final in '74."

Melbourne was eventually relegated to the First Division in 1975, and was again relegated

the year after. Duncan said the club brought the trouble on itself.

"They kept selling players to get a few bob," he said. "There were some players who couldn't stay because they owed it to themselves to go on to better things, but still Melbourne sold too many good players."

Some of the players at Melbourne during Cummings' time were Joe Palinkas (St. George, now Footscray JUST), Steve Blekany, Alistair Scott, Charlie Kelly (now Croydon), Graham Morgan (now Box Hill), Joe Szabo (now Kellor Austria) and Aukie Waaldyk (now Box Hill).

Cummings made his first-team debut with Melbourne in 1973 at the age of 15. It was a majestic start for the youngster, as he scored both goals in Melbourne's 2-0 win over Kellor Austria.

However, when Melbourne finished bottom in 1975, Duncan decided he would have to leave.

"I didn't want to play in the First Division," he said. "It wouldn't have helped my game any, so I asked to be transferred. There was a bit of trouble getting away from the club though. Melbourne wanted \$15,000. That was a ridiculous amount. It didn't cost them anything, and they paid me only \$10 a game."

St. George of Sydney showed interest, but Duncan moved to South Melbourne Hellas for \$10,000.

He was just 17!

You would think the pressure would be too much for such a young player. After all, \$10,000 is a lot of money for a player, especially if he's a teenager.

"I didn't feel any pressure," said Duncan. "I fitted in well at Hellas because my father was a good friend of Stevie Walker, who was in the team, and I knew Chris Kalafatis and Arthur

Xanthopoulos from the Victorian under 18 squad.

"The big transfer fee didn't affect me and I now feel like I've been with Hellas all my life."

Duncan added that Jimmy Mackay was a great help in the early days.

"With Jimmy supplying the passes, I couldn't go wrong," said Cummings, who praised Mackay as the best player he's seen at Hellas.

Hellas and Cummings had a good 1976, but 1977 was a bitter disappointment to both club and player.

Duncan missed most of the season with an achilles tendon injury, and Hellas finished in the bottom third of the Phillips League in its inaugural season.

Cummings explains how he got the injury.

"We were playing Ringwood City in a pre-season practice match," said Duncan, "and I went up for a header. By accident, one of the Ringwood players spiked the back of my leg with a stud and that damaged the tendon."

Duncan then began months of frustration. He saw 20 different specialists in an attempt to get the tendon mended, but to no avail.

In June he gave up and had to have an operation.

He completed the long haul back by playing in Hellas' last three games.

"It was a bad year for the club," he said. "There were a lot of players coming and going, and a fair bit of ill feeling."

1977 was a write-off soccer-wise for Duncan and the start of the 1978 season wasn't much better.

"I played only a couple of games in the PSL in 1977," said Duncan, "and didn't really know what the standard was like."

Played poorly

"The practice games we had at the start of this season opened my eyes. I had gone from the State League to the national league, which was much faster and harder. I played poorly in the practice games, and was dropped after two league games."

"I decided I'd have to really work hard at training, and lift my game. I did this and eventually won my place back."

With his form regained, Duncan then faced the problem of competition from imports Alun Evans from Walsall, and George Campbell from Aberdeen.

"Alun and George are very good players," said Duncan. "Alun is great to play with because he's always moving to receive the ball, and creates openings with his flick-ons."

"Peter Ollerton, our old centre forward, is also a very good player. But he's different to Alun. Peter doesn't fight for the ball and off the field he doesn't get on too well with coaches."

And what about Duncan's future in Australian soccer?

"I'd like to be able to play as a professional in this country," he said, "but if I were offered the chance in the next few years I'd have to be able to finish my apprenticeship (in electrical engineering) so I'd have something to go back to."

As you see, Duncan Cummings knows what he's doing.

\$10,000 star at 17, now Duncan aims for Spain!

By KYLE PATTERSON

MacGREGOR GIVES IRVINE FIRST WIN

In the biggest form reversal seen this season, Frankston City toppled league champion Essendon Croatia and is confident of scoring another upset win when the two sides meet tonight (Wednesday) in the Dockerty Cup.

"We played very poorly," he said, "but I think you'll see a different Croatia on Wednesday night. The players are angry that Frankston beat them and will be out to show them who's best. I reckon we can bounce back."

McArthur added that he was surprised his backline, normally one of the team's strengths, played so badly.

However, it would be unfair to say Croatia lost solely because of its own failings. Frankston must be given credit for the fight and endeavour it showed and for the way the team wore Croatia down with attacking soccer. Frankston was becoming infamous for its defensive approach, but anyone who saw the Baysiders against Croatia would wonder why.

Frankston, under instructions from Irvine, pressured Croatia's defence, the place from where the Essendon team starts attacking, and this was the main reason City won.

As well as that, Frankston fought incessantly when it lost the ball in midfield and defended in numbers when under pressure.

Thus, Croatia was not allowed to settle into its natural game of building up from the back and looked suspect when Frankston stepped up the tempo, using the long ball with great effect.

However, Frankston's eleventh minute goal was vital. It lifted the players' confidence no end, and gave them the spirit to continue fighting.

Frankston's performance had spectators staring in disbelief. One City fan cracked that if the players were horses, they would have to be swabbed! Indeed, after Frankston's dismal efforts of the past two months, a win over Croatia ranks as an extraordinary feat.

It was Frankston's first win under playing coach Sandy Irvine, but the indifferent start he made in coaching will be forgotten if he can steer the Baysiders to successive victories over the Essendon club.

Irvine is optimistic about his team's chances.

The two points didn't matter to us today," he said, "but we had to do well to help us prepare psychologically for the Dockerty Cup game. We had a bad run but I always knew we had the talent. After last week's game (a 0-3 loss to Hakoah) the boys were pretty disgusted with their performance, but today they showed some pride and it was a great win."

"Frankston can now go into the Dockerty Cup game with a lot of confidence, and I think we'll do well."

For Croatia, it was the worst possible start to a two-week period in which the team plays two vital cup games the first against Frankston and the second against Adelaide City in a Phillips Cup quarter final.

However, Croatia coach Billy McArthur wasn't too worried about the loss.

Croatia looked embarrassingly square in defence and suspect to long, through balls. With the back four players (with the exception of John Gardiner) pressured into giving their midfielders poor service, the side's rhythm was upset and Croatia was never allowed to dominate.

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By KYLE PATTERSON

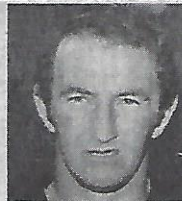
ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Kokoaka 37th min) FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Fox 11th min, MacGregor 20th min).

CROATIA: Banovic 7, Smart 6, Kokoaka 5, Gardiner 7, Murphy 5, Andrews 5 (Lesan 60th min), Kerr 6, Culina 5, Cumming 7, Krncevic 6, Glider 5.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7, V. Bannon 6, Irvine 6, Gillespie 7, Williamson 5 (Taylor 80th min), Fox 7, Parrot 7 injured (Tulloch 70th min), G. Bannon 7, Dall 7, MacGregor 8, Campbell 4.



Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen appears to connect with team mate Eric Gillespie as he punches clear under pressure from Eddie Krncevic. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.



● Ray Pocock



● Jim Williams

This result set the scene for an exciting top-four struggle in the last round next weekend.

Despite its loss to Sunshine, Slavia retained fourth place on goal average ahead of George Cross which beat Albion Leyland 2-1 to draw level with Slavia on points.

Sunshine stayed in the running, one point behind, but to gain fourth place it will have to beat Ringwood City on Saturday, while both Slavia and George Cross lose.

Slavia v. Sunshine was a match of two distinct halves. With Ray Pocock and Will Laing doing some dashing work in attack, Sunshine outplayed Slavia all over the field in the first half, and went to a 2-0 lead with first-time shots by Dave Nelson and Frank Mussel.

Slavia had Sunshine pinned in defence for most of the second half but did little with its territorial advantage and managed only one goal, by Jim Paton from the penalty spot.

Ironically, it was a foul by a winger — Dave Nelson — on a full back — Jim Train — that resulted in the penalty. The action was well on the side of the area, and to me an indirect free kick would have been more appropriate.

But whereas you could have given the referee the benefit of the doubt on that occasion, there were no excuses for some of his other mistakes. Both sides complained about his performance after the game.

I'm still asking myself how he could have ruled offside against Sunshine when John Yzendoorn was lying injured next to the goal post!

Slavia deserves praise for the way it has battled on late in the season despite the handicap of so many injuries. Westley, Miller, Plummer, Turner and Williams have all been struck down during the season.

Thrilling end to struggle for 4th. place

By LAURIE SCHWAB

SLAVIA 1 (Paton pen.) SUNSHINE 2 (D. Nelson, Mussel) at the Showgrounds.

Ratings:

SLAVIA: Clarke 6; Train 7, Yzendoorn 7, Tuft 5, Thompson 6.5; Whiteside 6, Short 6, Pye 4 (O'Halloran 5 half time); Aldridge 5, Paton 5, Williams 7.

SUNSHINE: Scholten 6; Dixey 7, Lowe 7, Ellis 7, Howe 8; R. Nelson 6.5, Banagan 6, Mussel 6.5 (injured, sub. McRobert 70th); Laing 7, Pocock 7.5, D. Nelson 6.5.

Westley was on the bench last Saturday and Jim Williams played very well in his first game back.

The injuries have forced coach Harry Chalkitis to reorganise his team in some positions. Jim Train had to come off the wing to play at right back, with Frank Thompson going to the left. Steve Short, an excellent back four player, has had to play in midfield.

In contrast, Sunshine coach Bill Walsh has had a more or less settled side all season.

The best individual performance in this game came from Ray Pocock, still one of the best ball-playing and hardest fighting forwards in the State League.

The man who won a major Player of the Year award while with Melbourne in 1970, and who later played for Canterbury and Marconi in Sydney, came off the defence time and again to pick up the ball in midfield and flick it on to supporting players running wide. He was involved in almost every forward move in the first half and it was mainly his total commitment that made those forward moves possible.

He was much less prominent in the second half because Sunshine played most of that half in defence.

Will Laing was also very good in the first half, often dashing away on the wing and showing some snappy ball skills.

Centre back Steve Ellis won most of the duels in which he involved himself, and Mike Lowe played a calm, calculating and highly effective game as sweeper.

Mike Dixey was another good performer. He was sold

at right back and came close to scoring with two flying headers.

Slavia also had some good players. Jim Train wasn't beaten at right back and also attacked down the flanks with great determination. Jim Williams, first on the wing and then inside, was Slavia's most dangerous attacker, and sweeper John Yzendoorn also had a good match, although it was his ball that Dave Nelson picked up for Sunshine's first goal.

Early in the game for example, it was Yzendoorn who stopped menacing advances by Laing and Robbie Nelson.

Yzendoorn was hurt in a collision with the goal post, but carried on apparently unaffected a few minutes later. The collision occurred while he was in the penalty trying to repel a well-constructed Sunshine attack started by Pocock who crossed to Laing for Laing to play the ball into the area.

Dave Nelson opened the scoring in the 30th minute, converging on a ball played by Yzendoorn and hitting it first-time with 'keeper Peter Clarke stranded on the left after covering a previous action.

The big difference between the teams was that Sunshine's forwards dropped back to pick up the ball in midfield, while Slavia's forwards stayed well up, waiting for the ball.

In addition, Slavia's midfield was also ineffective.

Frank Thompson was shown the yellow card for a foul on Laing, and in the 39th minute Sunshine went to a 2-1 lead when Jim Williams headed the ball sideways to Frank Mussel who hit it first-time just inside the post.

The closest Slavia came to scoring in the first half was when Sunshine full back Hugh Howe headed Jim Williams' shot powerfully back to his goalkeeper, John Scholten.

Tom O'Hallorn, the Australian Schoolboys representative, replaced David Pye at half time, and his inclusion on the wing forced Williams to an inside position where he played even better than he had in the first half.

It was fortunate for Sunshine that Mussel managed to be there at the right time to stop Williams from shooting from about 10 metres just before Slavia was awarded its penalty from which Paton scored his 17th goal of the season in the 60th minute.

Mussel was injured in the 70th minute and replaced by Jim McRobert who couldn't have been faulted during the short time he was on the field.



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Spare a thought for the nail-biters

By KYLE PATTERSON

It takes nerves of steel to be a soccer coach. Just ask the six Victorian State League coaches who are losing sleep this week over the final championship round.

Six teams face crucial games this week, with State

League status and a place in the State League Cup (top four series) at stake.

Croatia and Makedonia are firmly entrenched in the top four, but four teams — Sunshine City, Slavia, George Cross and Hakoah St. Kilda — are in the running for the remaining two positions.

At the bottom, Ringwood City and Altona City are in relegation territory, with Albion Leyland on the border but having only minimal worries and a purely mathematical chance of finishing on the bottom.

Joe Wilson, coach of Altona (13 points), is con-

dent his team can beat Juventus at Miller's Road. Even a draw would preserve Altona's place in the State League.

However, Ringwood president and team selector John van Hoboken (sen) refuses to consider the thought of his club playing in the Metropolitan League. Ringwood (12 points) must beat Sunshine City and hope Altona loses. A draw isn't enough for Ringwood, because even if it made up the one-point leeway (assuming Altona lost), the team's goal average is inferior.

Albion (14 points) is safe unless it loses by five or six goals. Altona wins, and Ringwood wins by five or six. The chances of that chain of events happening are very remote.

Albion's Billy Cree, who's done an amazing job reviving the almost deceased Leyland club, can rest easy. He probably deserves a break after inheriting a mountain of problems when he took over.

The odds are stacked against Ringwood. At the top, the battle is just as tight. A computer could probably tell us each team's chances, but in simple, soccer language it's anyone's game.

Sunshine held a spot in the top four until a slump in the second half of the season. If

Sunshine beats Ringwood, Slavia goes down to Frankston at the Showgrounds, and George Cross gets done by Hakoah at Middle Park, then Sunshine will be back in town.

George Cross and Hakoah play a 'qualifying final', with the loser likely to miss a place in the top four. However, Hakoah can afford to draw and even a defeat could see them hold their place.

An Hakoah defeat wouldn't be disastrous for the club if Slavia lost. If those results occurred, Hakoah would have 25 points, George Cross 26 and Slavia 24. Sunshine is no danger to Hakoah because of Hakoah's far superior goal average and two-point advantage.

George Cross must win to get a place in the top four. A draw would be sufficient if Slavia lost and Sunshine failed to get maximum points.

Slavia also must win to be 100% certain of a place but a draw would be enough if George Cross loses.

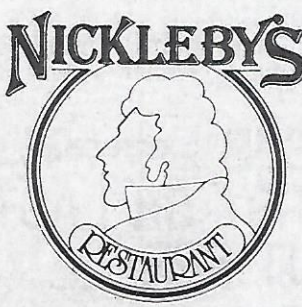
The coaches with 'top-four blues' are Harry Chalkitis (Slavia), Johnny Sanchez (George Cross), Frank Micic (Hakoah) and Bill Walsh (Sunshine).

In a week the situation will be crystal clear. In the meantime, spare a thought for the six nail-biting coaches!

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Dixie Deans (Adelaide Juventus).



Terry Eaton (Western Suburbs).

Gary Cole, 22, of Fitzroy Alexander, is the top goalscorer of the Philips League on aggregate over the two seasons of the league's existence.

Cole, who was capped for Australia for the first time against Greece this year, has 26 goals in league and Cup games — three more than second-placed Clive Eaton of Western Suburbs.

Counting league games only, Cole leads with 22 goals. Eaton and Dixie Deans of Adelaide City Juventus are equal second with 21.

Alexander bought Cole from Victorian State League club Ringwood City Wilhelmina at the start of 1976.

He had earlier played for Victoria and the Australian under 23 team which also featured John Kosmina, Todd Clarke, John Nyskohus, Gary Byrne and Gary Marocchi.

Cole's team mate at Alexander, Jim Campbell, is fifth on the aggregate scorers' list — a high ranking indeed for a midfielder.

The goalscoring performances of Dixie Deans and Duncan Cummings (South Melbourne Hellas) have been quite remarkable as neither has played for the full

two seasons.

Deans joined Juventus well into 1977 and missed the early part of 1978, yet is still the third highest scorer.

Similarly, Cummings missed much of 1977 and part of this season due to injury, yet has still notched 15 goals. Had he played in more games, he would certainly have been among the leaders.

Like Cole, Cummings is young and has many more PSL seasons ahead of him. These two, together with Marconi's Peter Sharne should become the pacesetters on the scorers' list.

Top scorers in the Philips Cup competition are Branko Culina (Essendon Croatia), Tony Henderson (Canberra), Branko Buljevic (Alexander) and Gary Cole, with four goals each.

The following scorers' lists were compiled before last weekend's matches. Goals scored in the Marconi v West Adelaide Hellas semi-final should be added.

TOP SCORERS

22. Cole.
21. Eaton, Deans.
19. Smith, O'Connor.
18. J. Campbell.
17. Barnes.
16. Ollerton, J.
15. Buljevic.
14. E. Campbell.
13. Mariani, (C).
- Norris.
12. McGregor.
11. Ristovski.
10. Marocchi.

TOP SCORERS

4. Culina (Essendon), Cole (Alex), Jevic (Alex).
3. Boziskas (Al).
2. Johnston (F).
- (Maro), E. Campbell.
- J. Campbell (Al).
- C. Eaton (West St).
- (Bris Lions), Spe.
- Hellas), Kosmina.

TOP SCORERS ON AGGREGATE

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL
	'78	'77	Finals '77 & '78		
77&78					
Gary Cole (Alexander)	11	11	0	4	26
Clive Eaton (West Sub)	14	7	0	2	23
Dixie Deans (Ad. C. Juve)	5	16	0	0	21
Terry Smith (Hakoah)	5	14	0	2	21
Jim Campbell (Alexander)	12	6	0	2	20
Phil O'Connor (St.Geo)	11	8	0	0	19
Branko Buljevic (Alexander)	6	9	0	4	19
Peter Sharne (Marconi)	6	9	1	3	19
Murray Barnes (Hakoah)	4	12	1	18	
John Nyskohus (Ad.C.Juve)	7	9	0	1	17
Ernie Campbell (Hakoah)	8	6	1	2	17
Peter Ollerton (Marconi)	9	6	1	0	16
Duncan Cummings (S. Mel. Hellas)	10	3	1	1	15
Ken Boden (Newcastle)	14	0	0	1	15
Bertie Mariani (Marconi)	6	7	0	2	15
Ivan Grujic (Canberra)	9	4	0	2	15
Geoff Morris (Bris Lions)	3	10	0	1	14
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)	9	4	0	1	14
Neville Morgan (St.Geo)	6	8	0	0	14
Ian McGregor (W.Ad.Hellas)	7	5	0	2	14
Graeme Norris (W.Ad.Hellas)	4	9	0	1	14
John Kosmina (W.Ad.Hellas)	0	12	0	2	14
Bill Pirie (Olympic)	6	7	0	0	13
Mendo Ristovski (J.U.S.T.)	3	8	0	1	12
Roberto Vieri (Marconi)	11	1	0	0	12
Jimmy Rooney (Marconi)	4	7	0	1	12
Brian Northcote (Ad.C.Juve)	4	7	0	1	12
Gary Marocchi (Ad.C.Juve)	5	5	0	1	11
Peter Hensman (St. Geo.)	7	3	0	1	11
Paul Laszlo (Brisb Lions)	3	5	0	2	10
Terry Byrne (Canberra)	9	0	0	1	10
Joe Palinkas (J.U.S.T.)	4	6	0	0	10
John Stevenson (Hakoah)	5	5	0	0	10
Graham Honeyman (W.Ad.Hellas)	5	3	0	2	10



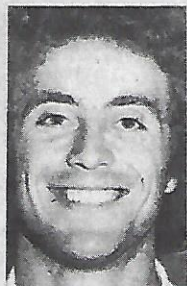
Murray Barnes (Hakoah) — in action for Australia against South Korea last year.

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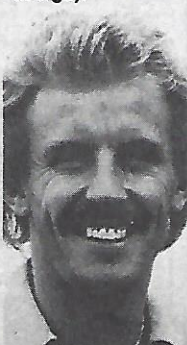
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Essendon Croatia) —
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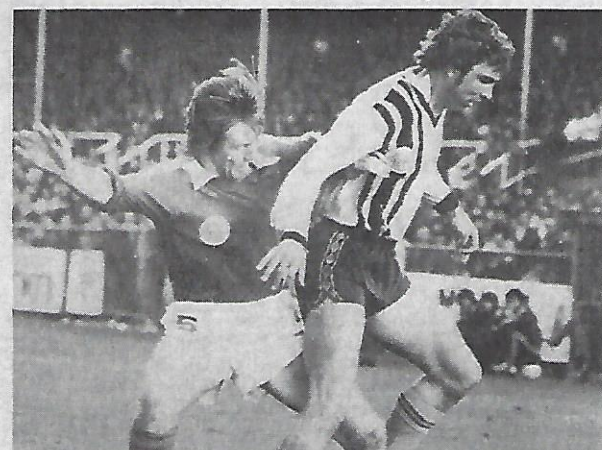
Gary Cole (Fitzroy-Alexander) — with 26 goals he is the PSL's
top scorer over the two years of the league's existence.



John Nyskohus (Adelaide Juventus) — playing in the Australian
colors against South Korea.



Terry Smith (Hakoah-Easts)



Branko Buljevic (Alexander), scorer of 19 PSL goals, is tackled
by George Harris (left) of St George.

Hakoah only team with 100 goals

All-time standings in the PSL —

		HOME					AWAY					G	P	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1. E. S. HAKOAH	1977 (1st)	26	8	3	2	30	16	5	8	0	22	12		37
	1978 (2nd)	26	7	2	3	27	10	8	3	3	26	17		35
	TOTAL:	52	15	5	5	57	26	13	11	3	48	29	105:55	72
2. MARCONI	1977 (2nd)	26	7	4	2	15	8	8	3	2	27	13		37
	1978 (4th)	26	8	3	2	30	14	4	3	6	16	17		30
	TOTAL:	52	15	7	4	45	22	12	6	8	43	30	88:52	67
3. W. A. HELLAS	1977 (7th)	26	3	5	5	18	20	5	5	3	20	12		26
	1978 (1st)	26	9	1	3	24	14	7	3	3	18	13		36
	TOTAL:	52	12	6	8	42	34	12	8	6	38	25	80:59	62
4. ALEXANDER	1977 (3rd)	26	8	2	3	26	20	4	6	3	15	14		32
	1978 (5th)	26	5	3	5	17	15	4	5	4	22	24		26
	TOTAL:	52	13	5	8	43	35	8	11	7	37	38	80:73	58
5. A. C. JUVE.	1977 (4th)	26	7	3	3	29	13	5	4	4	21	18		31
	1978 (10th)	26	5	2	4	18	12	4	4	7	20	32		24
	TOTAL:	52	13	5	7	47	25	9	8	11	41	50	88:75	55
6. S. M. HELLAS	1977 (11th)	26	3	5	5	12	13	4	3	6	15	22		22
	1978 (3rd)	26	7	3	3	26	12	5	5	3	19	18		32
	TOTAL:	52	10	8	8	38	25	9	8	9	34	40	72:65	54
7. ST. GEORGE	1977 (6th)	26	5	7	1	21	13	2	7	4	18	22		28
	1978 (7th)	26	7	1	5	20	17	4	2	7	21	23		25
	TOTAL:	52	12	8	6	41	30	6	9	11	39	45	80:75	53
8. WEST. SUBS.	1977 (5th)	26	5	5	3	21	12	6	2	5	17	17		29
	1978 (9th)	26	6	4	3	25	18	3	2	8	16	27		24
	TOTAL:	52	11	9	6	46	30	9	4	13	33	44	79:74	53
9. BRIS. LIONS	1977 (9th)	26	6	3	4	18	17	3	2	8	9	24		23
	1978 (6th)	26	4	6	3	16	15	4	4	5	21	24		26
	TOTAL:	52	10	9	7	34	32	7	6	13	30	48	64:80	49
10. J.U.S.T.	1977 (8th)	26	6	3	4	24	19	3	3	7	12	20		24
	1978 (12th)	26	2	3	8	17	21	5	5	3	12	16		22
	TOTAL:	52	8	6	12	41	40	8	8	10	24	36	65:76	46
11. OLYMPIC	1977 (12th)	26	5	3	5	18	19	2	4	7	7	19		21
	1978 (8th)	26	3	3	8	17	26	6	4	2	18	17		25
	TOTAL:	52	8	6	13	35	45	8	8	9	25	36		46
12. BRIS. CITY	1977 (10th)	26	6	3	4	16	10	2	3	8	14	25		22
	1978 (14th)	26	4	2	7	15	22	3	1	9	14	27		17
	TOTAL:	52	10	5	11	31	32	5	4	17	28	52	59:84	39
13. CANBERRA	1977 (13th)	26	3	3	7	13	19	2	4	7	9	20		17
	1978	26	2	8	3	19	20	3	2	8	9	21		20
	TOTAL:	52	5	11	10	32	39	5	6	15	18	41	50:80	37
14. NEWCASTLE	1977	(Did not compete)												
	1978	26	3	6	4	19	20	3	4	6	14	20	33:40	22
15. MOOROOLBARK	1977 (14th)	26	2	5	6	17	24	3	0	10	14	37	31:61	15
	1978	(Did not compete)												

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Standings as at September 3:

Dandenong Region

UNDER 9 'A'

Moorebank 'A'	13	3	0	45	3	29
Dandenong 'A'	13	2	1	53	5	28
Knox City 'A'	12	0	1	30	12	29
Ring City 'A'	4	3	5	10	19	14
Croydon 'A'	6	2	8	18	23	14
Ring Utd.	6	0	9	15	35	12
Nana City 'A'	4	2	10	16	35	10
Waverley 'A'	1	2	13	5	37	4
F.T. Gully	0	2	13	7	42	2

UNDER 9 'B'

Moorebank 'B'	13	2	1	52	4	29
Moorebank 'B'	11	2	3	45	24	2
Mitcham 'B'	10	3	3	33	6	22
Dandenong 'B'	9	4	3	33	9	22
Nana City 'B'	5	6	12	21	16	1
Knox City 'B'	4	5	10	12	13	1
Croydon 'B'	4	3	16	25	11	1
Hillville 'B'	1	2	13	5	34	4
Box Hill 'B'	1	1	14	4	49	3

UNDER 10 'A'

Knox City 'A'	12	3	1	32	4	31
Waverley 'A'	12	5	4	40	29	1
Moorebank 'A'	12	5	4	40	29	1
Croydon 'A'	7	4	7	27	19	18
Box Hill 'A'	6	5	6	18	17	18
Mgrave 'A'	7	1	10	20	27	15
Mitcham 'A'	4	5	12	29	13	1
Nana City 'A'	1	1	11	22	10	1
Ring Utd.	0	2	15	4	56	3

UNDER 10 'B'

Dandenong 'B'	14	2	6	32	9	30
Berona 'B'	13	2	3	36	12	28
F.T. Gully 'B'	12	3	3	39	12	27
Waverley 'B'	11	1	6	32	9	23
Nana City 'B'	9	3	3	35	31	21
Moorebank 'B'	5	5	8	17	29	15
Knox City 'B'	6	1	11	16	26	13
Mkool 'B'	5	0	12	22	37	13
Croydon 'B'	3	12	20	43	9	1
Upper Yarra	0	10	16	54	0	1

UNDER 10 'C'

Dandy City 'C'	14	3	1	65	4	31
Box Hill 'C'	13	2	3	60	9	28
Dingley 'C'	12	2	4	47	16	26
Lynfield 'C'	10	3	5	36	15	23
Karigall 'C'	11	1	6	32	9	23
Hampden Pk 'C'	4	5	9	10	41	14
Nana City 'C'	4	3	11	9	37	11
F.T. Gully 'C'	3	12	12	36	12	9
Danc 'C'	2	4	12	6	52	8
Ring City 'C'	1	5	12	4	62	7

UNDER 11 'A'

Croydon 'A'	15	2	1	51	16	32
Waverley 'A'	14	3	1	47	11	31
Waverley 'A'	11	2	4	35	14	24
Ring Utd.	6	7	5	22	19	18
Nana City 'A'	7	5	5	21	19	18
Berona 'A'	6	5	7	25	19	17
Croydon 'A'	4	12	27	37	11	1
Moorebank 'A'	3	4	10	16	33	10
Ring City 'A'	3	4	10	16	33	10
S Vale	1	2	15	5	67	4

UNDER 11 'B'

Nth Dandy 'B'	10	3	4	40	16	23
Nana City 'B'	7	7	2	16	21	1
Mitcham 'B'	7	2	15	20	1	1
F.T. Gully 'B'	6	3	5	29	19	11
Dandenong 'B'	6	4	6	28	24	14
Knox City 'B'	6	2	8	27	30	14
Mgrave 'B'	3	8	5	26	30	14
Box Hill 'B'	2	8	6	18	37	12
Lynfield 'B'	0	11	8	4	56	1

UNDER 11 'C'

Croydon 'C'	15	0	2	44	11	30
Moorebank 'C'	13	2	3	39	14	28
Croydon 'C'	8	4	5	12	29	18
Dandenong 'C'	7	5	8	41	25	19
Box Hill 'C'	8	2	7	44	19	18
Ring City 'C'	7	3	7	25	18	1
Waverley 'C'	7	1	10	20	36	15
Mgrave 'C'	6	2	10	17	31	14
Hillville 'C'	4	1	13	16	39	9
Ring Utd.	2	2	14	1	66	6

UNDER 12 'A'

Moorebank 'A'	13	1	2	58	9	27
Nana City 'A'	11	2	6	13	25	12
Ring City 'A'	10	2	4	37	26	12
Dandenong 'A'	8	5	3	35	16	21
S Vale	7	3	6	30	31	17
Knox City 'A'	6	2	8	32	18	14
Croydon 'A'	2	4	10	15	49	11
Waverley 'A'	2	1	13	6	57	5
F.T. Gully	1	12	16	6	5	1

UNDER 12 'B'

Box Hill 'B'	12	1	3	42	20	25
Knox City 'B'	10	3	4	40	17	23
Moorebank 'B'	11	0	1	42	14	8
Mgrave 'B'	9	2	5	26	18	12
Nana City 'B'	7	2	6	24	17	16
Berona 'B'	5	2	8	21	17	12
Ring Utd.	2	5	9	14	36	9
Dandenong 'B'	3	12	16	5	1	1
Waverley 'B'	2	2	12	1	29	6

UNDER 12 'C'

Clarinda 'C'	15	0	1	65	8	30
Box Hill 'C'	12	3	1	36	11	27

Nth Dandy

12	1	3	61	11	25
18	2	6	39	41	18
14	6	2	38	37	14
7	0	9	24	32	14
3	3	12	19	50	7
3	11	5	59	7	1
1	9	15	13	51	2

UNDER 13 'A'

Ring Utd.	14	1	8	42	22	29
Knox City 'A'	13	2	5	56	19	28
Dandenong 'A'	11	2	5	40	16	24
Croydon 'A'	6	4	3	18	23	1
Waverley 'A'	8	3	7	22	26	10
Croydon 'A'	6	5	5	28	28	18
F.T. Gully	4	3	11	26	45	11
Box Hill	4	3	11	33	11	1
Nana City	3	2	13	20	46	8
Moorebank	3	13	15	53	7	1

UNDER 13 'B'

Lynfield	16	1	1	64	13	33
Clarinda	14	3	1	66	16	31
Nana City 'B'	13	3	2	59	26	29
Mitcham	10	2	6	59	29	22
Danc	4	3	10	33	46	13
Mulgrave	5	2	11	35	42	12
Croydon	5	2	11	35	42	12
Berona	2	3	14	23	62	7
S Vale	3	2	13	26	81	1

UNDER 13 'C'

Karigall	16	1	1	71	11	33
Waverley 'B'	13	3	2	61	12	29
Hillville	11	1	6	37	24	23
Nana City	9	4	5	30	25	22
Croydon	7	5	19	19	19	1
Knox City 'B'	6	4	8	25	37	16
E. B'leigh	6	4	8	25	37	16
Mulgrave	3	12	13	59	9	1
Dingley	3	14	10	62	7	1
Mgrave	2	1	15	9	56	5

Western

Moorebank 'B'	14	4	1	64	13	33
Sun Hts.	13	3	2	48	29	18
Albion 'A'	11	4	3	40	10	26
Mitcham	10	5	3	52	8	25
Essendon 'A'	11	2	5	39	13	24
Werribee	5	4	9	15	34	14
Knox City	5	2	11	15	12	32
Sun Hts. 'B'	2	3	13	8	49	7
Messfield	1	5	12	8	49	7
G. Gully	1	2	15	8	61	4

UNDER 10 'A'

Sun Hts.	16	1	1	59	7	33
Albion 'A'	15	2	6	54	9	31
Ardeer	14	2	7	37	11	30
Albion 'A'	10	5	3	52	8	25
Werribee	6	4	8	26	12	16
Knox City	4	6	8	28	34	14
Melton	3	10	22	46	13	1
Albion 'B'	2	12	17	50	8	1
Albion 'B'	0	18	1	11	1	1

UNDER 11 'A'

Sun Hts.	14	0	2	49	11	28
West Utd.	12	2	4	45	8	26
Essendon	11	1	4	38	20	18
Albion 'A'	7	1	10	14	21	1
Ardeer	6	1	7	36	21	17
Albion 'A'	4	2	10	18	34	10
Melton	3	2	11	15	42	8
Sun Hts.	3	1	12	14	45	7
Werribee	3	1	12	13	54	7

UNDER 11 'B'

Juvettes	16	12	1	45	6	26
West Utd.	16	11	1	45	15	23
G. Gully	16	9	4	39	8	22
Fawkner	16	9	3	40	10	21
Albion 'B'	16	8	2	28	15	28
Sunbury	16	6	3	12	13	15
St. Marks	16	3	10	6	47	11
Resana 'B'	16	4	0	18	2	64
West Newp.	16	0	18	0	18	0

UNDER 12

Albion	16	10	0	1	71	8	34
Carle	17	12	2	4	19	26	1
Knox City	16	3	4	30	22	23	1
Sun City	16	8	2	31	14	18	1
Melton	16	8	2	31	14	18	1
Karigall	17	1	9	19	25	14	1
G. Gully	16	7	0	11	23	54	14
Karigall 'B'	16	5	1	12	11	36	11
Knox City 'A'	16	4	1	11	19	45	11
West Newp.	16	0	18	0	18	0	1

UNDER 13 'A'

Albion	16	10	0	1	71	8	34
Sun Hts.	16	10	1	2	53	13	31
St. Marks	16	8	3	28	28	19	1
G. Gully	16	8	3	28	28	19	1
Sun City	16	8	3	28	28	19	1
G. Gully	16	8	3	28	28	19	1
H'yn Rang.	16	8	1	11	30	11	1
Sunbury	16	5	1	12	30	44	1
Bell Pk.	16	0	1	17	16	107	2

UNDER 13 'B'

Essendon	16	0	1	45	2	32
St. Albans	16	2	0	16	16	22
Karigall	16	0	7	35	28	18

West Newport forfeits points

West Newport under-12s (Western Region) have had all points and goals deducted for allegedly playing over-aged players.

Teams that dropped points to West Newport have been awarded victories for those games, and any goals scored against them by West Newport have been removed.

Only goals scored against West Newport still stand.

Doubt was cast on the ages of some of the West Newport players two months ago.

The club was then asked four times to appear before the JLMC disputes committee but failed to do so.

Vlasits, Marston show value of experience



Joe Marston during his playing days.

The two Joes have done a great service to the coaching profession in Australia.

Step forward veteran coaches **Joe Marston** and **Joe Vlasits** for showing that experience is invaluable in coaching, as in all other professions.

It is their many years of coaching experience that has taken the ailing Sydney Olympic and St George BSC back to healthy mid-table positions after languishing hopelessly at the foot of the Philips League.

You would not go to a student dentist for a major tooth operation, or a rookie doctor for important surgery, yet that is just what many of our clubs do when they seek coaches.

This was seen at its most ludicrous with **Jimmy Shoulder's** appointment to the national coaching position.

Shoulder had never coached a team in his life, yet was given the nation's most difficult and important coaching job.

Another of the short-listed candidates for that national job was **John Warren**, who at that time had had one year's experience in coaching with St George.

Warren is proving himself in Canberra and I have no doubt that Shoulder, if he sticks with the profession, will one day make a fine coach,



MIKE JOHNSON.

but no matter what the basic ability, there is no substitute for training and experience.

The mortality rate of coaches in Australia is so high that many coaches do not get the chance to gain experience.

Many, disillusioned by premature sackings, give the game away too soon to make way for another

rookie just out of the playing ranks.

In Europe the top coaches, such as **Schoen**, **Weisweiler**, **Cramer**, **Greenwood**, **Herrera** and others who are well into their 50's even 60's, are not thought of as over the hill, but rather in the prime of their careers.

I believe **Rale Rasic** was correct when he said some time ago that a coach does not hit his peak until he is 50.

Although I am still this side of 40 and part of the younger coaching brigade, I was extremely pleased to see the success of **Vlasits** and **Marston**.

These men previously had great coaching success, Marston with

Sydney's **APIA** and **Auburn**, **Vlasits** with **Prague**, **Canterbury** and of course the national team, yet both were virtually written off as coaching prospects for top sides, mainly because of their age when in fact that was one of their biggest assets.

They are NSW's two most experienced coaches — with years of coaching ahead of them.

There must be similar tales in other States of experienced coaches put out to grass when they had served their apprenticeship and had their best years to come.

Perhaps the happy comeback of the two Joes will tempt them to give it another go.



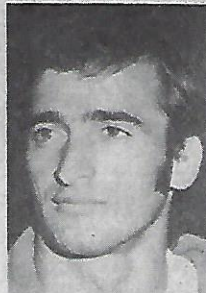
Joe Vlasits — former national coach.



John Margaritis



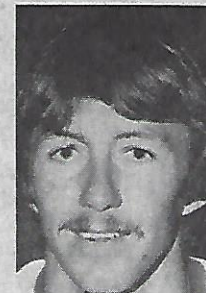
Dave Maclaren



Mike Micevski



Gary Cole



Richie Bell



Johnny Warren

QUOTES OF THE YEAR

(PART TWO)

"I'm getting out because I don't want my coaching reputation ruined." — **John Margaritis**, now coach of Fitzroy Alexander, shortly after resigning as coach of West Adelaide Hellas. As the history books show, W.A. Hellas went on to WIN the PSL title, a feat which would not have done Margaritis' reputation any harm.

But he was on the right track later: "Marconi is not unbeatable, despite being a fine team. No team is unbeatable." — **Margaritis** said that at a time when Marconi was six points clear at the top and undefeated. The Alexander coach was right. Marconi was far from unbeatable.

"I predict big things for Peter Ollerton. He'll do better with Hellas this season because our midfield will be giving him the right sort of passes. In fact our midfield is better than that of the Australian national team" — **Dave Maclaren**, manager of South Melbourne Hellas. Maclaren later transferred Ollerton to Marconi after refusing to have him in the Hellas team.

"It's not worth playing for Australia. The last time I represented Australia I ended up being

sacked from my job!" **Mike Micevski**, the midfielder of Fitzroy Alexander.

"The difference between Marconi (which was then on top of the PSL) and our team (Alexander) is Jimmy Rooney. If we had him in the side we'd really go places." — **Gary Cole**, Alexander's blond striker. In the light of Rooney announcing his intentions to return to Melbourne soccer, Cole's opinion is interesting indeed. No doubt, Alexander will be desperate to sign the former Socceroo captain.

"My price (\$15,000) is ridiculous. No player in Australia is worth more than \$5,000" — **Richie Bell**, the Sydney Olympic and Socceroo defender. However, soccer clubs thought otherwise and it was another season of astronomical transfer fees. The \$30,000 Brisbane Lions paid Grange Thistle (Queensland State League club) for Jim Hermiston topped the bill.

"It's always dangerous making predictions, but I feel Mark Jankovics will be the difference between Marconi finishing champion and runner-up in 1978." — **Johnny Warren**, coach of Canberra City and 'Soccer Action' columnist. His theory carried some weight, for Mar-

coni's slide coincided with Jankovics being sidelined through injury.

"Not one of the people who hit me squared up in front of me. They all got me from behind, which says something about their cowardice." — 'Soccer bash' referee **David Yelland**, commenting on the way he was attacked by irate spectators.

"Most young players in Australia aren't brought up correctly. They are taught to tackle hard and run non-stop, when the skills of soccer are what they should be learning and practising." — **Frank Micic**, coach of Hakoah St. Kilda (Victorian State League).

"We're not good enough for the State League.

We'd have to get at least six players if we were going to get anywhere." — **Freddy Bunce**, then coach of Ringwood. The astute Bunce was on the ball, as Ringwood struggled.

"I want to apologise to Canberra City's committee, coach John Warren, and last, but in no way least, the club's wonderful supporters who would do any team proud. But I refuse to apologise to the rowdy element in

the crowd who, like me when I was sent off the field, brought soccer down." — Marconi's **Ray Richards**. His apology to Canberra after being sent off in a game against the ACT club was one of the most sporting gestures of the year.

"My conclusion is that the (Sydney) Olympic president should gather his committee, apply some commonsense, and perhaps fine THEM \$250 for doing an injustice to the players." — **Rale Rasic**, coach of Marconi. Rasic was commenting on Olympic's plan to fine the players \$250 each for the lack of effort. Rale pointed to the committee, which went through six coaches in 1½ seasons as the real culprits.

"The 'British Mafia' was responsible for picking the team last week." — **Johnny Warren**, coach of Canberra City. The former Socceroo captain reacted after his team's 1-2 home defeat to Sydney Olympic, which brought boos from City's fans.

"Clubs should be honest and stop covering up their debts. We may be broke, but at least we haven't gone heavily into debt just to save face." — **Russell Wilson**, president of hard-up Victorian State League club Albion Leyland.



Dave Yelland



Frank Micic



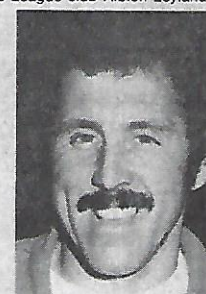
Fred Bunce



Rale Rasic



Russell Wilson



Ray Richards.

Three clubs want Rooney

South Melbourne, Fitzroy and Footscray are interested in signing Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who will return to Melbourne at the end of the year.

"We should seriously consider Rooney. Our midfield hasn't been the strongest this season," South Melbourne president **Sam Pappasavas** said.

"I am certainly interested in talking to Rooney," said Fitzroy boss **Jim Mangopoulos**.

"Rooney would be a valuable asset to any team," was the comment of Footscray president **Tony Kovac**.

OUT FOR LIFE

The Australian Soccer Federation, has informed FIFA that the following players have been suspended from playing soccer for life.

John Constantinovits, Olympia SC, Hobart, Tasmania, and **D. Antonovic**, Sunnyside United SC, Queensland.

With the latter player, the suspension is extended to cover holding any official position with any club.

MIKE O'HARA SEEKS A NEW CLUB

Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper **Mike O'Hara** is looking for a new club.

O'Hara, 30, has not been happy sitting on the bench as understudy for **Dennis Boland**.

O'Hara transferred early this year from State League club Hakoah but played only seven senior games for J.U.S.T.

He believes he is good enough to be the No. 1 goalkeeper at another club.

O'Hara represented Victoria against Midlandbrough last year.

He was also in the Victorian squad against AS Roma in the mid-sixties.

Before coming to Australia he played in England for Swindon and Luton Town.

He played for Slavia in between two stints with Hakoah.



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Sultana best at Monash

T. Sultana won the senior best and fairest award of Latrobe Valley (Vic) club Monash which celebrated its 20th anniversary at a dance last week.

The mayor of Moe, Cr Tabuteau, presented Sultana with his trophy.

Other winners were:

Reserve best and fairest: M. Jackson.

Second Division best and fairest: D. Hankinson.

Third Division best and fairest: B. Sostak.

Best clubman (committee): Mrs N. Nash.

Best clubman (non-committee): Miss B. Nash.

Life membership was bestowed on J. Irvine, a former secretary and foundation member of Monash.



Monash's best and fairest players, from left: M. Jackson (reserves), T. Sultana (seniors), B. Sosta (Third Division). Second Division winner D. Hankinson not pictured.



Jim Irvine (left) receives a life membership certificate from Monash president G. Peel. Irvine is a foundation member of the club.



Monash women's team, from left, back row: L. Samson, J. Parker, B. Nash, K. Farmer, B. Cornell. Front: Y. Winkelman, C. Bird, L. Iernce.



Monash's best clubman awards were won by mother and daughter, Mrs N. Nash (left) and B. Nash.

Rovers climb again



Doncaster Rovers (Vic) have achieved promotion for the second consecutive year under coach Norm Hobson.

Rovers finished second to South Melbourne Hellas in the Third Division, and will play in Second Division next season.

The senior and reserve teams are pictured.

The seniors (top) are, from left, rear: G. McIntosh (coach), N. Hobson (senior coach); middle row: P. Williams, S. Gadd, R. Forsyth, E. Long, A. DeRosio, E. Anselmi, J. Humble; front row: G. Lioke, P. Boardman, A. Copeland (captain), A. Williams, K. Humble. Absent: T. Teer.

The reserves (above) are, from left, back row: A. Alexander (assistant coach), K. McLennan, S. O'Loughlin, J. Brongest, K. Alexander; middle row: G. McIntosh (coach), T. Pearson (team manager), G. Rankin, A. Blundel, M. Allen, A. Cason, B. Carroll, N. Hobson (senior coach); front row: W. Boehm, S. McIntosh, G. Shaw (captain), D. Gow, R. Hughes.

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Slow start for John Greig's men

This is the new Glasgow Rangers squad assembled by manager John Greig who has taken over from Jock Wallace. The squad has had a slow start to the Scottish Premier League season.

From left, back row:

Alexander Miller, Derek Parlano, Colin Jackson, Peter McCloy, Stewart Kennedy, Tom Forsyth, Kenny Watson, Alan Boyd. Middle row: Tommy Craig (physiotherapist), Eric Morris, Steve Richardson, Ralph Brand, Derek John-

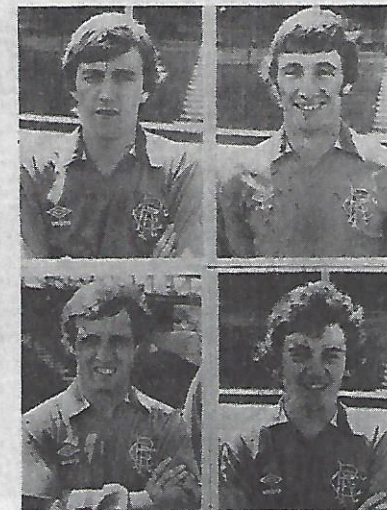
stone, Gordon Smith, Davie Armour, Alastair Dawson, Jim Denny, Joe Mason (coach). Front row: John Greig (manager), Billy McKay, Cliff Robertson, Tommy McLean, Sandy Jardine, John MacDonald, Dave Cooper, Alex MacDonald, Bobby Russell, Derek Strickland.



From left to right, from top: Bobby Russell, Jim Denny, Tommy McLean, Derek Strickland.



Left to right, from top: Colin Jackson, Alex MacDonald, Davie Armour, Derek Parlano.



Left to right, from top: Alastair Dawson, Peter McCloy, Billy Mackay, Steve Richardson.

17,000 kids take part in Norway Cup

From OLA CHR. NISSEN, Norwegian FA

The "Norway Cup" is an international football tournament, taking place in Oslo every summer for girls and boys, aged 10-18, probably the biggest tournament in the world.

This year's tournament was the 6th in a row.

In the first "Norway Cup", 420 teams took part, while this year, 932 teams with about 17,000 players participate.

150 teams had to be refused.

The games were played in the period July 31 - August 5.

190 referees led the 1,820 games throughout the week.

Approximately 200 teams came from foreign countries, from Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany FR, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Scotland, Switzerland, USA and Brazil.

The matches were played on two of the biggest areas for football in Oslo: Ekeberg with 20 fields and Abildso with 5 fields.

As hard rain made some problems on one of the match days, the artificial turf field, Jordal, was also used for some of the games.

The finals were played at the Olympic Stadium Bislett.

The official opening was held by the Lord Mayor of Oslo, Mr Albert Nordengen, who also was host for a

reception in the town hall of Oslo.

The town of Oslo is happy about the "Norway Cup" and 30 schools were opened for accommodation.

The participants are all given free travel by tram and bus during the week.

About 10,000 players ordered three meals a day, which were served in the Ekeberg Hall.

Bækkelaget Sportsklub is the organiser of the tournament, and the newspaper Dagbladet and Pepsi Co. are sponsors.

Winners of this year's tournament were:

Class A (boys born after 1.8.59):

MOLDE, Norway. Class B (boys born after 1.8.61):

VIGERSLEV, Denmark.

Class C (boys born after 1.8.65):

CA PAULISTINHA, Brazil.

Class D (boys born after 1.8.69):

STROMMEN, Norway.

Class R (girls born after 1.8.59):

ROSKILDE, Denmark.

Class R (girls born after 1.8.61):

AS, Denmark.

The 1970 Norway Cup will take place July 30 to August 4. Address: "Norway Cup", Box 44, Bekkelagshøgda, Oslo 11.

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..... the world of Libya kicked out of world youth series for cheating

The qualifying series for the 1979 FIFA World Youth Tournament, in which Australia will take part, has started with a storm of controversy in Africa.

Four Libyan players — **Curi Mohamed Serri, Bachir Nabi G.,**

Glentoran's Cup draw

REYKJAVIK — IBV of Iceland drew 0-0 with Glentoran in the first leg of a European Football Union (UEFA) Cup first round tie here.

The return game is on September 14.

Fitouri Rejab and Abdel Salem Magrebi were suspended for one year from all matches organised by the CAF for having taken part in a competition for which they knew they were not qualified.

A statement issued by the CAF reads: "If the sporting spirit and loyalty are to reign in sport, we think that ideally this should be the case at the level of young people whom we have the responsibility of training

physically and morally."

Players taking part in the FIFA Youth Tournament must have been born on or after August 1, 1959.

Australia's qualifying matches against New Zealand, Taiwan and Fiji will be played in late November.

If Australia wins the round, it will travel to South America in February for further qualifying games.

The finals will be in Japan next July.

CROATIA INTO FINAL F COCA COLA CUP

CROATIA 2 (Hayes 85th, Pope 89th) CUMBERLAND 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Coca Cola Cup semi-final.

Player ratings.

CROATIA: Przybylski 8, Williams 6, Ivanov 6, Holland 6, Kotlar 5, Pope 7, Harrow 6, Rogusic 6 (Bendall), Jordan 7, Thomson 6, Hayes 7.

CUMBERLAND: Parks 7, Leane 6, Harvey 6 (Reeves), Stuart 6, Ball 6, Evans 6, Pankhurst 6, Dobney 6, Leane 7, Welsh 7, Mahoney 6.

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Croatia smashed their way into the South Australian Coca Cola Cup final with a crunching 2-0 win over champions Cumberland at Hindmarsh Stadium.

But it was such a dull, crude match that they hardly have their fans flocking to Hindmarsh for the final between the winner of Saturday's match between Azzurri and Polonia.

Adelaide City coach **Leo Scheffling** saw the match but didn't see him reaching for his cheque book.

Croatia looked dangerous early but **Charles Harrow** and **Bruno Kotlar** let Cumberland off the hook.

The last 35 minutes were about as interesting as watching paint dry.

Croatia certainly had the edge and deserved to be a goal ahead but there was very little fluency in their play.

The second half started as quietly but Cumberland defender **Brian Harvey** almost headed into his own net when he attempted a desperate clearance in the 50th minute.

The battle of the defences intensified and some of the most crude soccer seen all season was coming thick and fast.

Cumberland's captain and star defender **Mike Ball** whacked the ball aimlessly out of the ground and **Kotlar** did the same for Croatia.

It was hit and run football from two sides that had played so well in a Federation Cup semi final only a month ago.

At the other end of the ground **Tony Jordan** and **Brian Rogusic** attempted to bustle their way through Cumberland's defence with muscle but someone forgot to tell them the idea was to control the ball occasionally.

But with the end of normal time approaching, the good soccer finally came.

Cumberland's **Brian Welsh** added a touch of flair with a delicate move in the 81st minute when he swept past four defenders but his shot was cleared off the line.

It was a close call for Croatia and within minutes, they responded with a smashing goal from **Terry Hayes**.

Hayes darted through the middle of the ground and fired a pileriver into the roof of the net from 30 metres.

Cumberland's barrier had fallen with five minutes left and Croatia blasted another hole in their defensive wall when **Hayes** slipped a ground pass to **John Pope** who made no mistake from close range.

Cumberland could not argue with the final score, but having played well all season and failing to achieve the treble, they were obviously disappointed.

With Azzurri favored to beat Polonia, the final could well be worth the 25 cents bus ride to Hindmarsh.



Croatia - (SA) goalkeeper Jack Przybylski saves, with David Mahoney (No. 11), David Leane (9) and Jamie Thompson (Croatia) looking on.

Abonyi's men grab \$5000

NSW State League with JOHN TAYLOR

Sydney Croatia has 5000 good reasons to celebrate winning the NSW Rothmans State League Soccer premiership.

By defeating Monaro 2-0 at Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday, Croatia wrapped up the premiership for the second time and also collected prizemoney of \$5,000 from Rothmans.

The loss was a costly one for Monaro because they have now been joined by Auburn in the battle for the fourth semi-final spot.

Both teams are on 29 points but Monaro have two matches left, whereas Auburn have only one.

Atti Abonyi scored Croatia's first goal in the 42nd minute after some good lead-up work.

In the 80th minute, Maurice Sullivan found the back of the net after he had fooled the defence with a run inside the penalty area.

Sutherland held on to second place with a 2-0 win over Manly at Cramer Park.

In the 32nd minute, Peter Beggs took advantage of a defensive error and put Sutherland ahead with a low drive.

Sutherland sealed the result in the 87th minute when Mark Harrington scored from six metres following excellent build-up work by Beggs.

Auburn can thank Marrickville Olympic's **Sweeper Harry Xipellias** for an own goal which gave them a 2-1 victory at Gariside Park.

Auburn hit the lead in the seventh minute of the first half with a goal by **Bruce Till**. He hit a powerful shot from outside the area after receiving a short pass from **Willie Hamilton**.

In the 38th minute, **Peter Katholos** found **Ross Brown** outside the box with a corner kick and the Olympic striker drove the ball into the net to pull the score back to 1-1.

Ten minutes later, **Andy Tracey** made a spectacular run down the left flank brushing aside three Olympic defenders before **Xipellias**, trying to clear the ball, pushed it into his own net.

APIA defeated Bankstown 2-0 in a scrappy game at the Soccer Centre.

APIA's win was not impressive as Bankstown had three regular first graders, **Craig Peck**, **Paul Thompson** and **Dennis Bailey** out.

APIA scored in the 28th minute when **Bob Fryer** picked up a loose ball and pushed it past the Bankstown keeper **Terry Greedy**.

In the 74th minute, **Neil Williams** cleared on the line for Bankstown.

but in the 89th minute he scored an own goal.

Bob McGinn, the APIA centre back, kicked a long ball down the middle and found **John Doyle** unmarked. Doyle kicked the ball to **Billy Griffith** but somehow, the ball struck **Neil Williams** on the leg and it deflected past Greedy to make the score two nil.

Melita scored two early goals to pave the way for a slender, but well-deserved 2-1 victory over Yugal at Concord Oval.

In the fifth minute of the first half, **Joe Farigua** headed past **Andy Mandrides** following a corner kick by **Colin McAusland**.

Only 60 seconds later, **Terry Jones** made it 2-0 after a good cross by **Brian Parker** to set **Melita** on the road to victory.

Tommy Mihajlovic reduced **Melita's** lead with a well-taken goal in the 60th minute.

Mihajlovic took a rebound, slammed it past **Bracklow** from well outside the box.

For **Melita**, **Parker** and **McAusland** were by far the best players. Yugal's best player was **Mihajlovic**.

Arncliffe, with a convincing 4-1 victory over Granville at Seymour Shaw Park, boosted their claims of staying in first division.

Arncliffe took the lead after four minutes when fullback **Greg Warner** scored from close range.

Granville failed to mark their opponents closely and this allowed **Alan Bankhead** and **Frank Hall** ample time in the midfield to keep **Arncliffe** pushing forward.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, referee **Brian Fowler** dismissed **Granville's Larry Bates** after an incident with the linesman and



Zamora dies, 77

BARCELONA, Spain — **Ricardo Zamora** (pictured), one of the world's greatest goalkeepers, died here last Friday. He was 77.

Zamora played for Spain in 46 international games during a 16-year international career in

Arncliffe's task was made much easier.

Five minutes later **Frank Hall** added a second for **Arncliffe** and although **Jim Harrow** replied for Granville from the penalty spot in the 25th minute his team never looked like holding **Arncliffe**.

John Muskovits put **Arncliffe** further ahead in the 30th minute.

A hat trick of goals by **Jim Izatt** highlighted **Toongabbie's** 4-1 win over **Avoca** at Gariside Park on the Saturday.

Izatt, the former Sydney Olympic utility player, scored his first goal in the 26th minute after **Steve Pollard** was fouled in the penalty area. His other goals were also from penalties for handling infringements by the Avoca defence.

But it was **Pollard** who put **Toongabbie** on their winning way with a fine solo goal in the 9th minute.

Avala's only goal came right on half time when **Toongabbie** defender **Nail Taylor**, attempting to clear, headed into his own goal.

Toongabbie were best served by **Ricky Hernandez**, **Carlos Ortega**, **Pollard**, **Izatt** and **Hector Gerle**. Defender **Steve Deller** and midfielder **Branko Kodar** had strong games for Avoca.



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Women's meeting

The Victorian Women's Soccer Association will have its annual meeting in Room 409, 4th floor, V.R.I. Flinders Street, at 8pm on October 25. Clubs that fail to attend will be fined \$20.

Participants:	Club teams:	National/Selection teams from:
	Coventry City, England	Japan National Team
	1. FC Köln, Germany FR	Thailand National Team
	Borussia Mönchengladbach, Germany FR	Korea Rep. National Team
	S.E. Palmeiras, Brazil	Japan Selection Team
Group I		
21.5.78	1. FC Köln v. Thailand National Team	5:1
	Coventry City v. Japan National Team	1:0
23.5.78	Japan National Team v. Thailand National Team	3:0
	Coventry City v. 1. FC Köln	1:1
25.5.78	Coventry City v. Thailand National Team	1:0
	1. FC Köln v. Japan National Team	1:1
Classification:		
	1. Coventry City	2 1 0 3:1 5
	2. 1. FC Köln	1 2 0 7:3 4
	3. Japan National Team	1 1 1 4:2 3
	4. Thailand National Team	0 0 3 1:9 0
Group II		
20.5.78	S.E. Palmeiras v. Korea Rep. National Team	1:0
21.5.78	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. Japan Selection Team	1:0
23.5.78	S.E. Palmeiras v. Japan Selection Team	1:1
	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. Korea Rep. National Team	4:3
25.5.78	Korea Rep. National Team v. Japan Selection Team	3:0
	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. S.E. Palmeiras	1:1
Classification:		
	1. Borussia M'gladbach	2 1 0 6:4 5
	2. S.E. Palmeiras	1 2 0 3:2 4
	3. Korea Rep. National Team	1 0 2 6:5 2
	4. Japan Selection Team	0 1 2 1:5 1
Semi-Finals		
27.5.78	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. 1. FC Köln	2:1
	S.E. Palmeiras v. Coventry City	1:0
Final		
29.5.78	Borussia Mönchengladbach v. S.E. Palmeiras	1:1
	(Joint Champions)	(after extra-time)

DELLA ROCCA SENT OFF

HAKOAH ST. KILDA O JUVENTUS O.

HAKOAH: Whiteside, Owens injured (Craig), Baker, Dosen, Valli injured (Jordanou), Gibson, Blair, Gadsby, Clarey, French, Nagy.

JUVENTUS: Graham, Della Rocca (sent off), Walker, Pfisterer, Symington, Sabidussi, Sabidini, Sannipoli, Watkins, Peponidis (C. Lucchesi), Hoson.

For only the second time in 16 years of senior soccer, Juventus veteran Pat Della Rocca was sent off.

However, Della Rocca still has an impressive record. He's never been suspended, and Juve is hopeful that the burly defender is pardoned when he faces the disciplinary tribunal tonight (Wednesday).

Hakoah slipped up against Juve, as a win would have sealed the St Kilda club's place in the top four.

The forward line of Mike Clarey, Les Nagy and Graham French failed to get going, and when they did penetrate, Juve goalkeeper Hugh Graham had all covered.

Chris Valli played well for Hakoah, and Bill Whiteside was excellent whenever called upon.

The Juve players fought hard for the ball and were obviously intent to prove they are better than when Hakoah thrashed them 5-0 earlier in the season.



Juventus goalkeeper Hugh Graham goes up to take the ball ahead of Hakoah striker Mike Clarey. In the background are Steve Walker and Graham French.

ALF ATTARD RETIRES

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

ALBION LEYLAND 1 (McCormack) GEORGE CROSS 2 (Reed, Paparas).

ALBION: Oliver, Campbell, Blair, McCusky, Nisbet, Davidson, Mitten, D'Silva (Quinn), McIntyre, McCormack, Greenan (Daperis).
GEORGE CROSS: Mattson, Cutajar, Maitland, Webb, Barron, Wilkinson, Castello, Mirak, Cullen, Reed, Paparas.
After 10 years as president of George Cross, Alf Attard is set to retire.
The pressure of the job,

plus need for a change influenced his decision.
Candidates for the presidency are Paul Borg, Alf Zahra and Joe Borg-Guzman.
George Cross grabbed another two-point haul with goals by Ken Reed and the persistent Jim Paparas.
Bill McCormack replied for Albion.



Alf Attard

John Davidson was the star for Albion, working like a beaver in the midfield. Steve Blair and Jeff Oliver were also good.

Reed once again gave his all and took his goal tally for the year to 13.

Both clubs were disappointed with the exaggerated reports of crowd trouble. Several George fans became angry after Robert Mirak was felled by Bill McIntyre, but officials soon restored order.

Player of the week

GEORGE WATTERS of Altona City is the State League player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at superb Nickleby's of Carlton.

THREE VIE FOR AWARD

Tommy Cumming of Croatonia and Slavia pair John Zveandorn and Steve Short are vying for the honor of being the 'Soccer Action' Riversdale Travel State League player of the year.

With one round of championship matches remaining, Cumming and Zveandorn lead the field with 21 votes, followed by Short on 20.

Bill Whiteside of Hakoah, with 18 votes, can also win the award.

Bill McClymont of Makedonia has 17 votes, but can't overhail Cumming and Zveandorn.

Of the leaders, only Whiteside polled votes in last week's games. In the result of a tie, the player with the most

votes will win.

Leading votegetters: 21. T. Cumming (Cro) five 3s, two 2s and two 1s. Zveandorn (Slavia) five 3s and three 2s.

20 S. Short (Slavia) three 3s, three 2s and five 1s. 18 Whiteside (HFAK) five 3s, one 2 and one 1.

17 B. McClymont (Mak) four 3s, two 2s and one 1.



Frankston player coach, former Soccerroo Sandy Irvine, tackles Croatia winger Tommy Cumming. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

He even beat Kokoska

From page 6

The stars for Frankston were Gordon McGregor (man of the match) and Alan Parrott. Fox, Ged Bannan and Alan Parrott. Without a doubt, McGregor has proven his critics wrong in his first season. The former Mooroolbark striker ran and fought for the ball all day.

He surprised by winning many yards, his slickness opened spaces, and he was excellent at coming downfield to give his defenders and midfielders someone to look for. It was a great performance.

Youngster Mark Dall was another of Frankston's workhorses, although he made several blunders when in good position, his enthusiasm and fighting spirit were not dampened. He continually put himself into the fray in the forward line.

Goalkeeper Frank Patterson deserves a pat on the back. He kept before the game that he hoped he didn't have to pick the ball out of the net too many times, but he dealt capably with high balls and shots at goal, despite getting kicked on the hand when saving at the feet of Alan Kerr early in the game.

Gillespie cut Eddie Krncovic and Carl Gilder out of the game in the second half, after the two had looked menacing in the first 45 minutes.

But Frankston's midfield trio of Parrott, Fox and Ged Bannan were inspiring. They played some freak passes from the middle of the park. The only criticism of the three was that on occasions they fell out of the game.

Croatia's Yabke Banovic made several fine saves. He's a goalkeeper with class and the score for Frankston would have been higher if not for him.

Gardiner was impressive coming forward, although he must take some of the blame for the ball and Croatia gets a throw in. His accurate chips and free kicks gave Croatia many scoring opportunities in the first half, although in the second 45 minutes he played fairly defensively, with

the exception of a late venture into the midfield in the effort of forcing an equaliser.

Tommy Cumming tried hard all day, and made some good moves. Croatia experimented by using three men up front. McGregor, Gilder and the move looked like paying off in the first half, but the two target men faded out.

Frankston had Norris Campbell on the forward line for his first game since the end of Brian Edgely's reign as coach of Frankston, but he looked like a fish out of water.

Ante Blavica's toe injury hadn't improved enough for him to come back into the side so Ken Murphy stayed at full back.

Branko Culina came in for his first full game for many weeks but through unchallenged and smash an attacking midfielder but didn't link up at all with the forwards.

Here are some of the highlights:

Sixth minute — Krncovic volleys a corner kick into a run of players in the goalmouth, and soon after is narrowly over with a header from a Banovic cross.

11th minute — Croatia pushes up to try to catch Frankston offside, but Ged Bannan's perfectly-timed pass allows Fox to run through unchallenged and smash a volley past Banovic from 18 metres to give Frankston the lead 1-0.

20th minute — Croatia, attempting to play the ball out of defence, gets in a muddle. Dall's persistent error from the right allows the ball flies over Kokoska's head to McGregor, who has the easy task of beating Banovic.

a strong header into the net from a Cumming corner. Vince Bannan is helpless on the post as the ball enters the net above his shoulder.

2-1. After Frankston had hit two early blows, Croatia came back to the picture and surged forward in the 15 minutes before half time.

35th minute — Patterson saves a Krncovic header after a cross from Andrews.

40th minute — Murphy feeds the ball to Krncovic, who flicks inside to Culina, but he's swamped by Frankston defenders.

45th minute — Frankston attacks, and Ged Bannan puts Dall away, but he's forced wide and finally shoots meekly at goal. Frankston came out after the interval and dominated the first minutes.

53rd minute — In a simple, but deadly move, Irvine plays a pass out of defence from a corner to McGregor. The blond forward brilliantly turns and strikes a pass for Parrott to run onto with no defenders between him and the goal. (This highlighted Croatia's vulnerability to quick, long balls.) However, Parrott was caught by the faster Murphy inside the penalty area and dispossessed.

60th minute — Parrott plays a great pass for McGregor. He takes the ball forward with only one Croatia defender in sight. He draws the defender — Gardiner — then slips the ball to Dall. He's 10 metres out, but Banovic saves the shot.

62nd minute — Cumming goes just wide with a shot and shortly after Gillespie clears off the line from Kerr.

65th minute — Banovic makes a brilliant save after Fox puts a ball into space from the flank for McGregor to run on to. The Croatian defender reacts quickly to McGregor's attempted lob.

69th minute — Kerr floors Parrott with a left hook, and the former Footscray man is taken off.

75th minute — Dall makes a lovely run on the flank, then cuts the ball back to Ged Bannan, who blazes over from a good position. Croatia has the better of the final 15 minutes, pinning Frankston in the hope of snatching an equaliser.

ZIKA NIKOLIC



Statistika pokazuje da druga sezona Philips Nacionalne Lige ni ji bila tako uspešna kao prva. Uzroci ima dosta, ali nema mesta panici, ko ju stvaraju oni koji nikad nisu voleli ovaj značajan poduhvat, ali najviše nedostatak je surije kratka sezona. Ne igra se onako kada je vreme najprijepije i kada i ljudi imaju najviše vremena za raznođu. Rešenje je ovog problema je akuto i hitno, inace ce posledice biti neugodne, a treća sezona još slabiji je.

Elitna imena su ponovo na udaru. Sasvim neopravdano i zlonamerno, jer je njihovo izostavljanje je odbilo emigrante, ali ni je pribolilo Australijance i Britance. Svako trazi svo j identitet. U sportu je nepotrebniji j i najvažniji j. Zbog toga su osnovani elitni klubovi, da budu svo izmedju nove i stare domovine, da olakšaju život emigrantima. Kada Australijanci i Britanci budu iskreno zavoleli nogomet, onda ce sami stvarati klubove i administraciju, nece trazi (kao sada) da budu u profesionalnom odnosu sa ovom igrom.

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BORBA ZA ČETVOTO MESTO

Essendon/Croatia je izgubila još dva boda, jer se verovatno dva za vazan okršaj sa Juventusom iz Adelaide. Prvenstveni bodovi su potrebni Hakoahu, Slavi, George Cross i Sunshine-u, jer samo dva kluba mogu zauzeti treće i četvrto mesto. Makedonija je takodje osigurala drugo mesto, što je vrlo vazno za materijalni uspeh završnog takmičenja prva četiri kluba.

WINFIELD KUP

Iduće subote počinje novo takmičenje Winfield Cup. Drugi tim JUST-a igra na ovom igralištu protiv Chelsea-a. Slobodan Zoraj je bio pripremo svoje momke, kojima je stalo da se opravdaju za neuspeh u prethodnoj drugoj diviziji, gde je osvojio idealnu priliku za osvajanje prvenstva. PLAVI ce nastupiti u najboljem sastavu, jer su svi igrali zdravi caki i Čele Talevski, koji vuče povredu mesecima.

POBEDA I PORAZ CARLTON/SRIJE

Carlton/Srbija je osigurala dve zlate utakmice. U subotu je pobedila Thomastown sa 2:1 (1:1), a u nedelju je izgubila sa istim rezultatom od prvaka Sunbury. Prvog dana golove su postigli Milan Bjelogrić i Ljuba Ivanovski. Igra je igrala u sledećem sastavu: Ilijevski, Stjepan Janić, Milenković, Branko Polenić, Bosko Djordjević, Ljuba Ivanovski, Dragao Janić, Milan Bjelogrić, Vasko Stojčević, Vjasko Ceranic. U drugom poluvremenu Joan Samanović je zamenio Stjepana Janića, a Edy Sadićević Dragana Janića. U nedelju je Carlton nastupio izmenjen. Igrali su Vlada Pekić i Robert Jovanović, jer dva brata Janića nisu došli na utakmicu.

Iduće subote igra se preliminarno kolo za Provinzijski Kup. Central Altona dočekuje na ovom igralištu Balarat, kod Carlton igra protiv Royal Parka, a u nedelju protiv Hawthorna za bodove.

Gladstone Park je visoko porazio PELISTER iz Pascoe Valesa sa 6:1 (4:0). Tome Apostolovski je imao loše dane. Promisao je penal i nekoliko idealnih šansi. Dok je u promisavio Gladstone Park, je davao jeftine golove, jer je Bil Zdanovski slabo branio.

Ansett are the champions of Division 2 with Diercraft runners-up. Ansett made sure of the championship by winning 4-2 at Philip Morris. Four-tilt up at the break.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

PEGASUS je pobedio Roman Lethergoods sa 3:1 i povećao razliku od drugog na tabeli na sedam bodova. Strelci za Pegasus: Stjepan Sabljak, Stjepan Fus i Vilij Ovar.

TARAX — RACV 3:0 (2:0). Ubedljiva pobeda nad poljskim veteranimi, protiv koj Tarax do sad ni je imao mnogo sece i uspeha. Utvari i ovog puta je moglo da se dogodi svesta u drugom delu igre, kada je Tarax naglo popustao, ali je golman Sander Kaz i nado upao u igru. Odrano je jedanaesterac i nekoliko sigurnih golova.

Svoj dan je imao i Milos Adamovic, koji je postigao sva tri gola. Pored ova dvojice, koji su najzaslužniji za pobedu, treba pomenuti Dragana Janića. On je uspešno zamenio Jov Milinova, kome je danas istekla kazna. Odlucio je igrati Barry Davis, a posebnu pohvalu zaslužuje trener JUST-a Čeda Crković, koji je dosao u pravo vreme da pomogne Tarax.

Iduće nedelje Tarax igra protiv Roman Lethergoods na Monash Univerzitetu.

ALTONA UTD/ILINDEN — OKAKER LUV 4:1 (2:0). Poslednju prvenstvenu utakmicu Ilinden je pobio lako i ubedljivo, pa je završio na drugom mestu, tri boda iza Slavia, koji je osvojio mesta u zapadnoj grupi treće industrijske lige. Strelci za Ilinden: Nedeljkovski, Mitrevski, Mladenovski i Trajkovski. Bolji od ostalih: Cvetanovski i Jovančević.

Sastav Ilindena: Karatasov, Jasevski, Belasovski, Cvetanovski, Mladenovski, Jovančević, Mitrevski, Stojčević, Nedeljkovski, Pilovski, Trajkovski.

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Vermont walks off

It was a busy weekend for leading District League (Vic.) clubs with a welter of postponed league matches and also the quarter-finals of both Cups being played.

Hawthorn re-discovered their shooting boots, beating Pos-Tel in the Cup on Saturday, and then taking a big stride towards promotion with a 6-1 win over North Melbourne on Sunday.

The Cup provided its usual crop of surprises.

Division Three champions Cheltenham shocked South

Oakleigh with a 1-1 draw and went on to win on penalties 4-1.

First Division Burnley were stunned to find themselves three goals down to lowly placed Fourth Division Balclutha, but rallied to win 4-3.

Vermont spent an unhappy weekend too.

After being knocked out of the Cup on Saturday by East Carlton, they met Malvern City in a postponed fixture on Sunday.

Ambitious Malvern, needing two points to overhaul Central City, were too much for Vermont, who were off the pitch and the game was abandoned.

The First Division championship is resolving itself into a tense tussle for second spot.

Gladstone Park came into calculations with two wins, but Nunawading threw away a golden chance by drawing twice in games they were expected to win.

Yarraville's appeal against Exsultis due to be heard tomorrow night, is a further complication in an already over-drawn season.

In Division Two, Thornbury and Hawthorn both won well to further enhance their prospects, but Moonee Ponds' unexpected loss to Wilitona could be costly, with Clifton Hill slipping past them into third place.



Soccer action swept through Mazenod College, Mulgrave, in a big way this year. In a splendid season, no less than three premierships out of the possible four were won in the Eastern Independent Schools competition (Vic.).

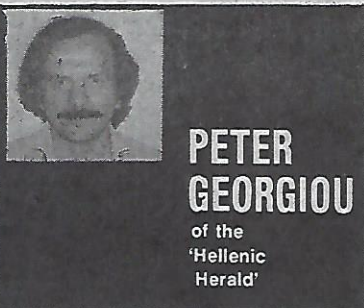
The open team coached by tactician Norm Davis turned in some sparkling performances to finish on a high note while Form Two led by Peter Lackner and Form Three both finished undefeated on top of the ladder.

The Form Three team, pictured above, capped a great season, netting 89 goals. Joe Rivalland finished top scorer with a personal tally of 29 goals.

Another highlight was that no goal was scored against keeper Craig Hearn throughout the competition.

Back Row, left to right: Fr. Pat Dwyer (coach) Eddie Espinoza, Danny Avano, Michael Ward, Craig Hearn, John D'Amelio, Michael Telera.

Front row: Chris Elliott, Peter Svozil, John Guscic (V.Capt.), Pat Lennon (Capt.), Sam Rachele, Mario Pascuzzi, David Kosenko. Absent: Joe Rivalland.



PETER GEORGIU
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'Hellenic Herald'

ΜΕΙΝΑΜΕ ΑΠΟ ΠΟΔΟΣΦΑΙΡΟ

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Αυτό που κάνει τον καθένα μας να βγάσει το συμπέρασμα ότι οι ιδιότητες δεν ξέρουν να κάνουν καλά την δουλειά τους είναι το γεγονός ότι δικτά οιμάδες περιμένουν με σταυρωμένα πόδια να έλθει η ώρα για να παίξουν τους προσημετιικούς (!!!) του Κυπέλλου Αυστραλίας.

Το χρονικό διάστημα που μεσολαβεί μεταξύ λήξεως του πρωταθλήματος και τελικού του Κυπέλλου Αυστραλίας θα πρέπει οπωσδήποτε να αποτελεί παγκόσμιο ρεκόρ διότι είναι αδύνατον να συμβαίνει το ίδιο σε άλλη χώρα όπου παίζεται το ποδόσφαιρο.

Συνήθως δ τελικός κυπέλλου —σε χώρες που οι διοργανώσεις σέονται τους κανόνες του ποδοσφαίρου— ακολουθεί σχεδόν άμεσα μετά την λήξη του πρωταθλήματος. Στην χειρότερη περίπτωση ακολουθούν οι προημιτελικοί, οι ημιτελικοί και ο τελικός, άμεσα μετά το πρωτάθλημα.

Σε καμία περίπτωση δεν περιμένουν οι δικτά του κυπέλλου να γεμίσουν οι τέσσερις πρωτοπόροι τα ταμεία τους —έδώ όμως μπήκαν μέσα— για να συνεχίσουν με την επίσημη διοργάνωση.

Τό διάστημα που μεσολαβεί είναι απαράδεκτο. Οι ομάδες είναι άναγκαζμένες να προπονηθούν και κατά συνέπεια να πληρώσουν τους παίχτες τους χωρίς να δίνουν αγώνες.

Τό ενδιαφέρον των παικτών που προπονούνται χωρίς να δίνουν αγώνες αρχίζει να πέφτει, οι φίλοι απομακρύνονται και είναι πολύ πιθανόν να καταλήξει το κύπελλο σε οικονομικό τουλάχιστον φιάσκο.

Έτσι στο τέλος χαμένοι μένουν και οι σύλλογοι και οι φιλάθλοι.

Η επίσημη ποδοσφαιρική περίοδος στην Αυστραλία είναι πολύ μικρή.

Συμφωνούμε ότι τα πράγματα ήταν δύσκολα στις άνοες του Έθνικου Πρωταθλήματος. Ύστερα από δύο χρόνια όμως είναι φανερό ότι το Έθνικ Πρωτάθλημα χρειάζεται άλληγή τροπό της διοργάνωσή του.

Οι ομάδες πρέπει να γίνουν περισσότερες, να φθάσουν ίσως τις 18 για να καληφθούν περισσότερες έβδομάδες που τώρα είναι νεκρές. Τό δέ Κύπελλο Αυστραλίας, σέ όποια φάση κι' αν έρρισκεται ν' ακολουθεί άμεσα μετά το πρωτάθλημα.

Μόνον έτσι θα μπορούσαμε να έχουμε μία πλήρη ποδοσφαιρική περίοδο, συνεχόμενη και όχι με νεκρά διαστήματα όπως συμβαίνει τώρα.

Οι πρόχειρες κακοδιοργανωμένες εκδηλώσεις φιλικών νεντοκυπέλλων —για να παρηγορηθούν αυτοί που δεν κατάφεραν να τερματίσουν πρώτοι— δέν πρόσφεραν τίποτα τό οδισιαστικό τό ποδόσφαιρο της Αυστραλίας.

Θά ήταν μεγαλύτερη ή ποσοφισά των ύπευθύνων στο έθνικό πρωτάθλημα και γενικά στο έθλημα, αν αυτοί δέν προσπαθούσαν να ξεφύγουν από τους βασικούς κανόνες, φροντίζοντας να εφάρμοσουν ανεφάρμοστες φαιενές ιδέες.

Π. Γεωργίου

Third title for Hellas

At right are the boys of South Melbourne Hellas under 15e, who are champions for the third year in a row.

The previous championships were won in the under 14 (1977) and under 13 (1976) divisions.

In winning this year's title, the boys scored 70 goals to 17.

In the Cup, Hellas has beaten Mooroolbark 18-0 Doncaster 23-0, Greenborough 9-0, Moreland 2-1 and Green Gully Ajax 5-3 to reach the final.

Top goalscorers were Z. Zervides 32, Vassiliadis 15, Ribas 12, Bitsonis 11 and Pavlou 8.

The boys pictured are, from left, standing: G. Karakyrkiakos (coach for the past 3 years), Tasiopoulos, Keskiades, Caravidas, Kakantonis, Dimopoulos; front: Bitsonis (captain), Zambitoglou, Vassiliades, Pasakos, Petrakos (vice capt), Zervides, Ribas.

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TO THE EDITOR

SIR—The parents and officials of Moe United Soccer Club, who recently bailed the Victorian under 14 boys in the national championships held in Yallourn, would like to congratulate the boys on finishing runners-up. We would also like to congratulate the boys for their behaviour on and off the field. They are a credit to their coach and manager.

To Victoria and all the other States, we thank you for bringing the best of junior soccer to the Latrobe Valley.

—J. Cardona, junior manager, Moe United Soccer Club.

Hat-trick heroes

SOCCER ACTION
MAGAZINE

Hat Trick Diploma
Award of Merit

Awarded to _____

For scoring three goals for _____

Against _____

Date _____

1st Class

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, address and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of game.
5. Send the information to "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic. and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat Trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's Hat Trick Heroes:

- Billy Coleman, 14, four goals (Gateshead High, NSW); Stephen Stojanovski, 10 (Wallendene Primary, NSW); Brett Macey, 11, four goals (Croydon); Remo Disieto, 9, four goals (Albion Leyland); Robert Banks, 10 (Briar Hill Primary); Arco Cantone, 9 (Mitcham); Vince Illot, 11 (Twin City Wanderers); Andrew Nicholls, 9 (Caulfield); Paul Beranic, 13 (Green Gully); Steve Miller, 10 (five goals) (Sorrento Gully).

Andrew Mezzagatti, 10, five goals (Lyndale); George Karpidia, 12 (St. Melb Hellas); Michael Maplesden, 9, John Peters, 8, five goals, Jamie Elliott, 8, four goals, Paul Doekin, 8, Craig Croddon, 8, seven goals, Darren Amptuski, 9, Danny Sprague, 9, Jason Koo, 9, Leigh Reynolds, 7 (Sunbury); Gary Colombara, 11, four goals, Chris Grimmer, 10, five goals, Bruno Marcuzzi, 9 (Twin City Wanderers); Jason Jobling, 8 (Mooroolbark); Dean Hanemann, 9, seven goals, Ross Gilbert, 8, four goals, Leonhard Fernandes, 8, six goals, Murray Hodgson, 8, (Peninsula); Darren Abele, 10, four goals (Doncaster).

A view from the junior ranks

BY LEIF JENSEN

Well, we are back again after a very successful trip with the Under-13 Victorian squad to Brisbane.

Our team finished equal first on points with NSW and SA, but was placed third on goal difference.

We won more games than any other team at the championships and defeated the winners, NSW 1-0, so take it from me that Victorian parents and clubs should be very proud of these 16 boys.

My manager, Dick Featherstone and I would like to thank the boys and everyone involved in the championship for making it such a happy week. The lads were great ambassadors for their State.

I have been asked by several people to publish the day-to-day results of the championships, as with Telecom on strike at the time it appears that only some of the results were published in the local papers.

Results of the U-13 games, played at Redcliffe, Queensland:

Sunday: Queensland 1 Tasmania 0; WA 0 NSW 2; Nth. NSW 3 Sth. Australia 2; Victoria 7 Nth. Territory 2.

Monday: Nth. NSW 3 Victoria 4; Tasmania 1 Sth. Australia 2; WA 7 Nth. Territory 0; Queensland 2 NSW 3.

Tuesday: Queensland 1 Sth. Australia 1; NSW 13 Nth. Territory 0; Tas. 1 Vic. 2; WA 0 Nth. NSW 0.

Wednesday: Tas. 0 WA 2; Sth. Australia 2 Vic. 1; NSW 5 Nth. NSW 2; Queensland 6 Nth. Territory 0.

Thursday: Queensland 2 Vic. 0; Nth. Territory 1 Nth. NSW 2; Sth. Australia 2 WA 0; NSW 0 Tas. 0.

Friday: Sth. Australia 0 NSW 0; Vic. 2 WA 1; Nth. Territory 0 Tas. 3; Queensland 0 Nth. NSW 3.

Saturday: Queensland 1 WA 0; Nth. NSW 3 Tas. 0; Vic. 1 NSW 0; Nth. Territory 1 Sth. Australia 6.

FINAL STANDINGS: NSW 10, SA 10, Vic. 10, Queensland 9, N.NSW 9, WA 5, Tas. 3, NT 0.

U-14 Championships at Latrobe Valley (we have only the Victorian results).

Vic. 2 ACT 0; Vic. 2 WA 1; Vic. 5 NT 0; N.NSW 1 Vic. 1; Vic. 2 Tas. 0; Vic. 0 Queensland 1; Vic. 3 SA 1; Vic. 1 NSW 1.

FINAL STANDINGS: NSW 14, Vic. 12, SA 12.

U-15 championships at Gosford, Northern New South Wales.

Sunday: Queensland 4 ACT 2; N.NSW 1 WA 0; Tas. 0 Vic. 4; SA 4 NSW 0.

Monday: Tas. 1 SA 3; ACT 2 Vic. 4; N.NSW 4 NSW 1; Q. 5 WA 2.

Tuesday: Q. 1 Vic. 2; WA 5 NSW 0; ACT 1 SA 0; N.NSW 1 Tas. 0.

Wednesday: ACT 0 N.NSW 2; Vic. 1 SA 2; WA 1 Tas. 0; Q. 1 NSW 2.

Thursday: Q. 0 SA 3; NSW 1 Tas. 0; Vic. 2 N.NSW 0; WA 1 ACT 0.

Friday: Vic. 1 WA 0; SA 0 N.NSW 1; NSW 3 ACT 0; Q. 2 Tas. 1.

Saturday: Q. 1 N.NSW 2; Tas. 1 ACT 6; SA 2 WA 0; NSW 3 Vic. 0.

FINAL STANDINGS: NSW 12; SA 10; Vic. 10; NSW 8; Q. 6; WA 6; ACT 4; Tas. 0.

Like father, like son



Darren Abele (pictured) is following in the footsteps of his father Alfred, who used to play for George Cross. Darren helped Doncaster Rovers under 10A team to win the championship by scoring 43 of the team's 60 goals.

ALL THE SCORES, TABLES

Victoria

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Quarter-finals of Dockerty Cup tonight

After two months in the wilderness, Frankston City has come out of the cold to stake a claim for the Victorian Dockerty Cup.

The Baysiders ended an eight-game horror patch (in which they failed to win a game) with a totally unexpected win over league champion Essendon Croatia.

Croatia is to gain Frankston's opponent (for the second time in four days), and their Dockerty Cup quarter final will be played at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) after the George Cross v Sunshine City quarter final, which kicks off at 6.55pm.

Frankston will find Croatia a more difficult opponent than last Sunday. The Essendon team will be determined to revenge its defeat, and keep alive hopes of completing a league and cup double.

Frankston player/coach **Sandy Irvine** will probably employ similar tactics to the ones he used to bring down Croatia last week. They were aimed at pressuring Croatia's defenders to prevent them

building up moves from the back.

Key men for Croatia are forward **Gordon McGregor** and the middle trio of **Tommy Allen**, **Garrod Bannon** and **Alan Parrott**.

Croatia will hope its back four tightens up, and the forward line makes more of an impression.

Likely line ups — **FRANKSTON:** Petersen, V. Bannon, Irvine, Gillespie, Taylor, Parrott, G. Bannon, Orr, Dail, MacGregor, Tulloch. **CROATIA:** Banovic, Smart, Kokosa, Gardiner, Blawie, Andrews, Kerr, Murphy, Cumming, Knowles, Verrill.

Sunshine City and George Cross have more than Dockerty Cup thoughts on their mind. Both are in the hunt for a place in the top four (State League Cup), and will be looking to tonight's quarter final to boost morale for their crucial last championship games.